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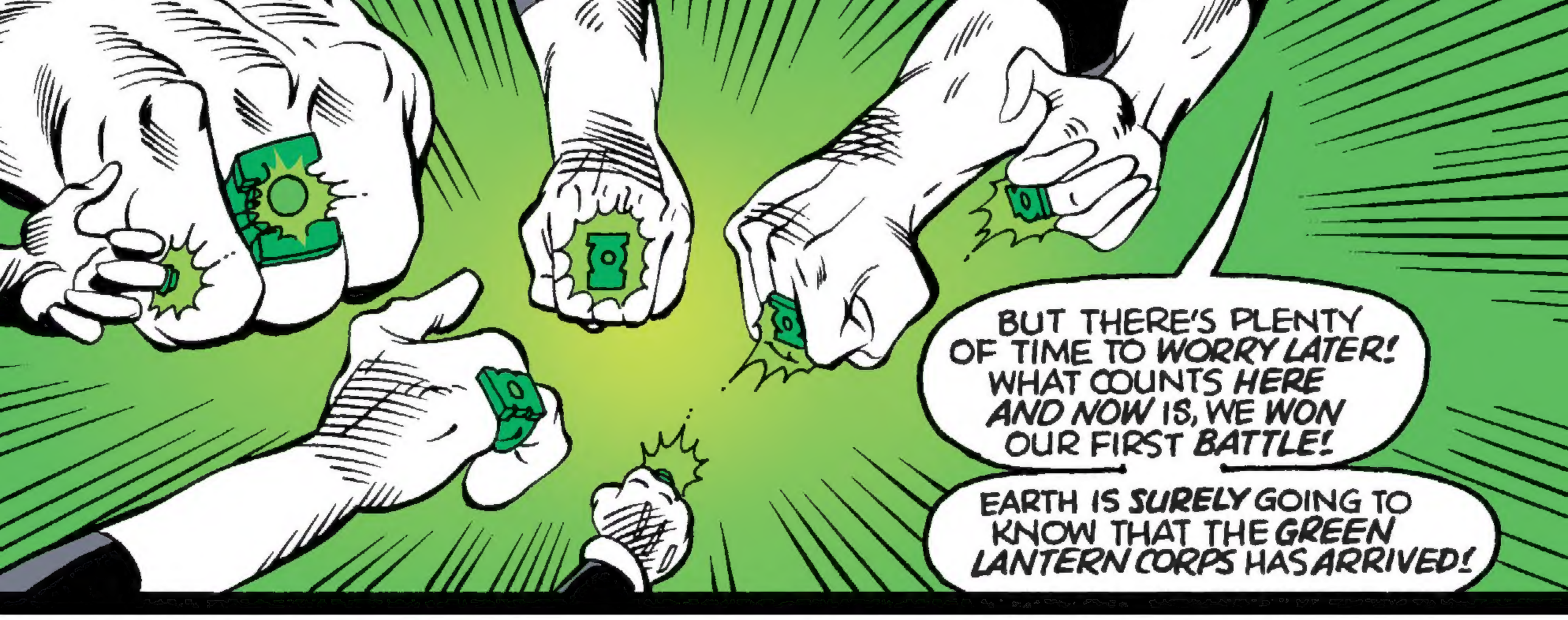
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ONE DAY, FIVE HUNDRED MILLION MILES FROM THE SUN--

SALAKK! SALAKK, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HEY, YOU BIG GRUMP, I'M *TALKING* TO YOU!

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, CH'P? YOU SAID YOU *WEREN'T* GOING TO EARTH!

WELL, SO DID YOU, PICKLEHEAD!

A TEAM IS ABOUT TO BE BORN...

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I FIND YOUR GREETING A BIT BRUSQUE, GREEN LANTERN!

I'M SORRY, BIGGIE, BUT I'M--I'M--

WHAT? SPEAK UP, FELLOW!

WHEN YOU LEFT OA, YOU WERE AS DISGUSTINGLY CHEERFUL AS I'VE EVER SEEN YOU!

I KNOW, SALAKK! BUT WE *ALL* FELT OUR SPIRITS LIFT ALONG WITH THE *GUARDIANS* AND THE *ZAMARONS* -- EVEN *YOU*, I BET!

AND EVEN THOUGH I HATED TO SEE THEM GO, I KNEW THEY'D PREPARED US *WELL* FOR SUCH A DAY--

--AND THE FACT THAT THEY FELT THEY *COULD* LEAVE US WAS THEIR *FINAL BLESSING* ON US!

I DIDN'T FEEL *ANYTHING* LIKE THAT!

"WELL, *I* DID! AND THEN *HAL AND JOHN* TURNED TO US--"

OKAY, GREEN LANTERNS--THE GUARDIANS ORDERED BOTH JOHN AND MYSELF TO OPERATE FROM *EARTH*--

--WHICH THEY SAY WILL PRODUCE THE *NEXT* RACE TO EVOLVE AS *THEY* DID, SOMETIME IN THE NEXT *THOUSAND YEARS!*

WE WON'T HOLD OUR *BREATH* FOR *THAT*, I GUESS --BUT STILL, WE OUGHT TO GET *BACK THERE* TO GET STARTED WITH THAT *JOB!*

WILL YOU *COME*, KAT--?

"*KATMA TUI* OF *KORUGAR*, IN SPACE SECTOR 1417, WAS QUICK TO REPLY!"

YOU *KNOW* MY *ANSWER*, JOHN! EVEN IF THE GUARDIANS HAD *NOT* CHARGED US TO ARRANGE OURSELVES THROUGH THE UNIVERSE HOWEVER WE *DESIRE*--

--I WOULD MAKE CERTAIN MY SECTOR WAS PROTECTED BY *SOMEONE* --AND THEN *FOLLOW YOU* WHEREVER YOUR ASSIGNMENT *LED* YOU!

"THEN *ARISIA* OF *GRAXOS IV*, IN SPACE SECTOR 2815--"

WELL, SINCE EARTH'S MY *NEIGHBOR* IN *2814*, IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO *COMBINE* MY DUTIES WITH *YOURS!* WE CAN BE A *TEAM*-- COVER *BOTH* SECTORS--

--AND I'LL BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM THE MOST *FAMOUS* GL OF *ALL TIME*--

--MISTER *HAL JORDAN!*

"THEN YOU--"

I SUPPOSE YOU EXPECT ME, AS YOUR NEIGHBOR IN 1418, TO WATCH YOUR SECTOR FOR YOU, KATMA TUI! I KNEW I'D REGRET IT WHEN I AGREED TO WATCH THE SECTOR DURING THE CRISIS!

BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'LL WATCH TWO SECTORS! IT WON'T BE ANY MORE STRAIN THAN I'VE GROWN USED TO! Oh, NO...

"AND FINALLY, ME--"

FOUR OF YOU BIGGIES ON ONE WORLD? WHAT'LL THAT WORLD BE COMING TO?

MY SECTOR'S 1014, THE ONE OPPOSITE EARTH, AND IF IT DOESN'T HAVE ME, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYBODY! SO I'M GOING BACK THERE AND DEVOTE MY LIFE TO MAKING IT THE THIRD PLACE TO EVOLVE TO GUARDIANS, MAYBE IN TWO THOUSAND YEARS!

THEN GOOD LUCK TO YOU BOTH! WHATEVER NONSENSE ARISIA TALKS ABOUT ME, I KNOW THAT EVERY GREEN LANTERN'S AN EXTRAORDINARY BEING, AND YOU TWO ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY!

YOU CAN PROBABLY COUNT ON IT! SINCE WE'RE WORKING THIS NEW SYSTEM OUT AS WE GO, WE'LL PROBABLY ALL COME JOIN YOU IN A WEEK!

KEEP IN TOUCH, YOU TWO! I REALLY LIKED WORKING TOGETHER!

AND I KNOW YOU WILL GUARD 1417 AS IF IT WERE YOUR OWN, SALAKK!

I NEVER SHIRK MY DUTIES...!

LET'S GO, PICKLEHEAD-- BEFORE I START MAKING BIG GLOOPY SAD-SOBS--!

"SO I LEFT, FULLA HIGH HOPES--

"--BUT WHEN I GOT TO MY BEAUTIFUL FOREST HOMEWORLD OF H'LVEN--"

KA-BLOWIE!

SOMEBODY'S FIRING AT ME!

HEY, YOU SILLY SQUIRREL-TAILS, THE CRISIS IS OVER--AND WE WON! IT'S JUST ME, GREEN LANTERN, HOME FROM THE WARS!

HE DODGES MY PELLETS, Mr. MAYOR!

GET 'IM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU ALL? SOME SPACE-GAS DRIVE YOU CRAZY? DOCTOR UB'X INVENT A DOOMSDAY DEVICE?

HE SOUNDS LIKE HE KNOWS US!

IT'S A TRICK! KILL 'IM!

NOW LOOK--!

ARE YOU SAYING YOU DON'T KNOW ME? I'VE BEEN YOUR GREEN LANTERN FOURTEEN EXALS, FOR D'Z'N'S SAKE!

WHAT'S A GREEN LANTERN? IF IT'S YOU, WHY AREN'T YOU GLOWING?

AND WHAT'S WITH THE MASK?

"I BEGAN TO SEE IT THEN--SEE IT, BUT NOT ACCEPT--"

THE MULTIVERSE WENT THROUGH LOTS'A CHANGES DURING THE CRISIS! WE SAVED THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE, BUT SOMEBODY ELSE SAVED THIS ONE--AND WHO KNOWS IF THEY SCREWED IT UP SOMEHOW?

THERE'S MY NEST! THINGS'VE GOT TO BE ALL RIGHT AT MY NEST!

G'BYE, HONEY! I'LL BRING YOU SOME NUTS--

OOOFF!

D'LL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

DO I KNOW YOU, SILKY BOY?

WHAT'S GOING ON, D'LL? WHO IS THIS MONK?

M'NN'E?

M'NN'E, IT'S ME-- CH'P!

EEEEEEKK!!

BY THE TREE SPIRIT!

LISTEN, YOU-- YOU SCAMP! THIS IS NOT FUNNY! MY WIFE WAS IN LOVE WITH C'HP BEFORE HE DIED!

DIED--?

HE WAS ALSO MY BEST FRIEND, AND EVEN IF M'NN'E AND I FOUND ANOTHER KIND OF HAPPINESS WITHOUT HIM, I MISS HIM A LOT, TOO--SO JUST GET OUT OF HERE!

"IT WAS CLEAR, SALAKK--ALL TOO CLEAR! THE POSITIVE-MATTER UNIVERSE WAS PUT BACK TOGETHER WRONG-- AND ALL THE ALTERNATIVES CEASED TO EXIST!

"I SCOURED THE PLANET, YOU BETTER BELIEVE-- AND THEN THE SECTOR! BUT THE STORY WAS THE SAME EVERY-WHERE--

"--I FELL FROM A TREE NINETEEN EXALS AGO, BEFORE I MARRIED M'NN'E --AND THEY NEVER HAD A GREEN LANTERN THERE!"

THERE'S AN ALTERNATE SECTOR THERE NOW-- A 1014-2 OR SOMETHING!

THAT MEANS THAT IT'S ONLY WITH THE CORPS THAT I AM --WHAT I AM AND CONTINUE TO BE!

I CAN SEE HOW THAT MIGHT BOTHER A TINY MIND LIKE YOURS!

IT WOULDN'T BOTHER MY MIND --BECAUSE I ALWAYS EXPECT THE WORST!

WELL, WHY *ARE* YOU HEADING FOR EARTH, PICKLEHEAD?

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!

AND THE SOUR-VISAGED ALIEN BOBS HIS HEAD HAUGHTILY--DISMISSIVELY--

--BUT HE THINKS...

YES, I ALWAYS EXPECT THE WORST--SO AT FIRST IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE I'D BE SURPRISED WHEN I RETURNED TO MY TWO SECTORS!

EVERYTHING WAS JUST AS I'D LEFT IT--IN RUINS!

"BUT SOMETHING HAD CHANGED, AFTER ALL!

"A SECTOR SEEMED SO LARGE SOMEHOW--AND TWO--!

"BEFORE, I HAD LIVED ALONE AND LIKED IT! BEING SUMMONED TO OA ONLY MADE ME MAD--BUT NOW, AFTER WORKING SO CLOSELY WITH KATMA TUI AND HAL JORDAN--AND THIS FURBALL--

"--I WAS LONELY--!"

BUT I'LL BE DEEP-FRIED IN DANYAN MAGMA BEFORE I'LL TELL HIM--OR ANYONE!

AND SALAKK'S LIPS PRESS EVEN MORE TIGHTLY TOGETHER--BUT CH'P IS A TINY FOREST CREATURE--!

THE SURVIVAL OF HIS KIND HAS ALWAYS DEPENDED ON READING OTHER ANIMALS' BODY LANGUAGE --KNOWING WHAT THEY WERE THINKING BEFORE EVEN THEY KNEW IT--

--AND THOUGH SALAKK HAS SAID NOT A WORD, HIS EYES HAVE TOLD CH'P VOLUMES!

WELL--WE'LL WORK *WELL* ON EARTH, GREEN LANTERN--

--TOGETHER!

LIGHTLY THEY SKIM INTO OUR PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE, THE GREEN LIGHT THEY COMMAND PROTECTING THEM FROM FRICTION AND THE GASES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD POISON THEM!

AT A WORD FROM THEM, THEIR POWER RINGS HOME IN ON THE OTHER RINGS HERE, AND THEY QUICKEN THEIR PACE--

--TOWARD THE LAND-MASS THEY WILL LEARN TO CALL AMERICA--

--AND THE HOME CLUSTER THEY WILL CALL LOS ANGELES--

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--AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS!

WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE!

CH'P! SALAKK!

Oh, BOY! YOU CHANGED YOUR MINDS!

I ARRANGED WITH CHASELON OF 1416 TO GUARD OUR SECTORS, KATMA TUI!

GOOD!

BUT-- BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR UNIFORMS?

HA HA! THAT WAS ARISIA'S IDEA! SHE FELT, SINCE THE PEOPLE OF EARTH AREN'T USED TO TELLING GREEN LANTERNS APART, WE OUGHT TO SHOW OUR INDIVIDUALITIES MORE!

AFTER ALL, THE GREEN POWER'S THE SAME FOR ALL OF US--IT'S OUR APPROACHES TO IT THAT REALLY SET EACH OF US APART!

AND, WHEN YOU COME RIGHT DOWN TO IT--I'VE LOVED DESIGNING SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL--

LAST YEAR!

POOH! I'M AS GROWN-UP AS ANYBODY!

--AREN'T I, HAL?

NO COMMENT!

HAL WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WANTED TO STAY WITH THE UNIFORM HE HAD--!

I FOUGHT SO LONG TO GET IT BACK, I COULDN'T JUST TURN AROUND AND CHANGE IT!

BUT I'D ALREADY MADE A CHANGE WHEN I TOOK MY MASK OFF, AND--KAT AND I--

--WE WANTED SOMETHING THAT WOULD TIE US TOGETHER VISUALLY!

ME, I WANTED A COSTUME TO SHOW ME OFF A LITTLE BETTER!

ARISIA!

AN' ME-- I JUST WANTED TA BE WHERE THE ACTION IS!

WHO IN THE NAME OF EDDORE ARE YOU?

MY NAME'S KILOWOG, FORMERLY O' BOLOVAX VIK IN SECTOR 674! MY SECTOR WAS BLOWN TA BITS DURIN' THE CRISIS, RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING--

--AN' SINCE I WUZ A GENETICS SCIENTIST THERE, I PERKED UP MY EARS WHEN THE GUARDIANS TOLD US WHAT WUZ GONNA HAPPEN HERE--

--SO I FIGURED THIS WUZ THE PLACE FOR ME NOW!

YOU WERE A SCIENTIST?

Oh, YEAH--SMARTEST ONE IN ALL 674!

HOW DISTRESSING FOR 674--!

AND YOU DON'T FEEL *BIG BLUE SADNESSES* ABOUT LOSING YOUR *FRIENDS*?

WELL, IF YA STUDY *GENETICS*, YA KNOW LIFE *COMES AN' GOES!*

AN' IF YOU'RE A *GREEN LANTERN*, YA KNOW *EXAC'LY* HOW MUCH BIGGER THE *UNIVERSE* IS THAN *YOU* ARE!

LISTEN, WE'VE *ALL* COME THROUGH A *LOT*, IN OUR *DIFFERENT WAYS!* SOME OF US HAD A COMPARATIVELY *EASY* TIME OF IT--SOME OF US *DIDN'T!*

BUT WE *GOT* HERE--*SEVEN* OF US NOW--TO PROTECT THIS LITTLE *PLANET*--AND NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT'S *RIGHT* AND *JUST* TO PROTECT *ANY LIFE ANYWHERE*--

--BUT BECAUSE THE *FUTURE* OF THE *NOW-UNIFIED UNIVERSE* IS *EVOLVING* HERE NOW!

WE DON'T KNOW IF THE GUARDIANS ARE EVER *COMING BACK*, BUT WE HAVE THEIR *PROMISE* THAT BEINGS *LIKE* THEM, AND THE FEMALE *ZAMARONS*, WILL ARISE ON *EARTH!* THAT WILL PROBABLY BE LONG AFTER WE'RE ALL *GONE*--

--BUT LIKE, PERHAPS, THE *KNIGHTS* OF OUR *EARLIER DAYS*, I SWEAR TO GIVE *EVERYTHING THIS RING AND I HAVE* TO KEEP ALIVE IN *MY* TIME--SO THAT LIFE IN *FUTURE DAYS* MAY ACHIEVE THE GRANDEUR WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO KNOW IN THE *GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE!*

--SORRY--I GUESS I WAS GIVING A *SPEECH*--!

MORE LIKE AN *OATH*, PAL--AN OATH EVERY BIT AS *SACRED* AS THE ONES WE RECITE WHENEVER WE *CHARGE OUR RINGS!*

AN OATH TO WHICH I CAN WHOLEHEARTEDLY *SUBSCRIBE!*

THIS ISN'T *MY* WORLD, HAL, BUT I KNOW THE *GUARDIANS*, AND I KNOW *LIFE*-- BETTER, I THINK, THAN YOU GIVE ME *CREDIT* FOR!

I'LL PROTECT *THIS* WORLD *AS IF* IT WERE MY OWN! I'M PART OF YOUR TEAM *ALL THE WAY!*

NOT *MY* TEAM, HONEY! *OUR* TEAM!

JOHN AND I, AND *KAT* TO SOME EXTENT, KNOW OUR WAY AROUND ENOUGH TO TAKE COMMAND AT *FIRST*, BUT WE'RE *ALL EQUAL HERE!*

YOU'RE SAYING THIS *PICKLEHEAD* AND I ARE *EQUAL?*

HE'S TOO POLITE TO INSULT ME, FURBALL!

WELL, I THINK WE ALL *AGREE* WITH YA, HAL! WE'RE READY TA FORGE OUR NEW DESTINY RIGHT ALONG WITH *EARTH'S!*

SALAKK--THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T *TRUST* ABOUT THAT BIGGIE!

FOR ONCE YOU'VE SAID SOMETHING I CAN AGREE WITH, FURBALL!

OKAY, BOYS--NOW LET'S START ON *YOUR* NEW COSTUMES--!

BUT...WHILE THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE GL CORPS ARE JUST NOW ORGANIZING THEMSELVES, AFTER TYING UP LOOSE ENDS FROM THE *CRISIS*--

--THE INHABITANTS OF THE UNIVERSE WHO DID *NOT* HAVE FINAL MISSIONS THRUST UPON THEM BY THE GUARDIANS HAVE *ALREADY* REGROUPED, AND *RESTARTED* THEIR LIVES!

FOR EXAMPLE--

THROTTLE! BLINDSIDE! GET OVER HERE!

U.S. ARMY KEEP OUT

YOU RUN US AROUND LIKE THIS IS THE *ARMY*, SONAR! THE *MODORAN* ARMY!

YEAH--I DIDN'T BECOME A BAD GUY BECAUSE I LOVE *HARD WORK!* I'M IN THIS FOR THE *MONEY!*

FOOLS!

YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A BATTLE FOR THE *FATE OF THE UNIVERSE*, AND *STILL* YOU THINK ONLY OF *WEALTH*?

WITH OUR *POWERS*, AND *MY LEADERSHIP*, MY TINY COUNTRY OF MODORA WILL CARVE A PLACE FOR ITSELF AMONG THE *SUPER-POWER NATIONS*..

--AND WE WILL *ALL* LIVE IN MODORA LIKE *PRINCES*!

ARMY
EP OUT

IF YOU DON'T MIND, *I'LL* LIVE IN *BEVERLY HILLS*!

LOOK, WE'RE GAME TO *FOLLOW* YOU, SONAR--YOU KNOW A LOT OF STUFF WE *DON'T*! JUST DON'T GO SO *FAST*!

THEN IT IS *FORTUNATE* THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT OUR *DESTINATION*!

ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION, THE FIRST PROTOTYPE OF AN AMERICAN *STAR WARS SATELLITE* AWAITS WITHIN THESE WALLS!

NATURALLY, SOPHISTICATED *ALARMS* BAR OUR WAY, BUT AN *ULTRASONIC BLAST* FROM MY *SONIGUN* WILL NEUTRALIZE THEM!

AND HERE'S THE COMPUTER-DRIVEN *TIME LOCK*, NOT DUE TO OPEN FOR ANOTHER *SIX HOURS*--

--BUT SINCE I CAN SPEED UP *ANY MOVING THING*, I CAN MAKE IT COUNT OFF THOSE *SIX HOURS* IN *SIXTY SECONDS*!

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AND NOW--

HEY! WHAT IS *THIS*--!?

GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN! I AM *DOCTOR POLARIS*--

--AND THESE ARE *MY* ASSOCIATES--

--WHITEOUT--

--AND *POLESTAR*!

--DROPPED--

I AM GLAD YOU ALL HAVE COME HERE--AS WAS MY *INTENT!*

YOU MEAN--YOU *LURED* US HERE? FOR WHAT *PURPOSE?*

I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT YOU THREE HAVE DECIDED TO ONCE AGAIN CHALLENGE *GREEN LANTERN*--EITHER THE *WHITE* ONE OR THE *BLACK AND RED TWOSOME*--

--BUT I *ALSO* KNOW THAT THERE ARE NOW *SEVEN* GREEN LANTERNS ON THIS WORLD!

SEVEN--?

IT WAS NICE *KNOWING YOU*, SONAR! WONDER WHAT *BLUE DEVIL'S* DOING THIS WEEK?

WAIT, YOU TWO! POLARIS--ARE YOU PROPOSING AN *ALLIANCE?*

I *AM*--NOW THAT I'VE SEEN YOU IN *ACTION!* BECAUSE THOSE OF US WHO HAVE FOUGHT *ONE* LANTERN MUST MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO *GROUP* SUCH AS THEY PROPOSE IS ALLOWED TO *FORM!*

WHILE YOU WERE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE THE *CRIMINALS* OF THE UNIVERSE, *I* WAS FIGHTING ALONGSIDE THE *HEROES*--

--AND FRANKLY, I DON'T *EVER* WANT TO SEE SUCH A *CONCENTRATION OF DO-GOODERS AGAIN!*

WHAT YOU SAY IS *REASONABLE*--SO LONG AS I RETAIN FINAL CONTROL OVER MY *FORCES!* BUT WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU OFFER *US?*

WHO ARE THESE *"ASSOCIATES"* OF YOURS--AND WHAT ARE THEIR *POWERS?*

Oh, YOU WILL SEE THE POWERS OF *WHITEOUT* AND *DROPDED* SOON *ENOUGH*, SONAR--AS THEY HELP DESTROY THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS!*

BUT *POLESTAR*...

...MUST REMAIN MY *SECRET...!*

I *KNOW* OF YOU, DOCTOR POLARIS! AND I KNOW THAT IF THE FORCES OF THE *LANTERNS* HAVE GROWN, THE FORCES WHO STRUGGLE FOR *MODORA* MUST GROW AS *WELL!*

ON BEHALF OF MY MEN, I *ACCEPT* YOUR OFFER!

Uh--!

GOOD! THEN WE MIGHT AS WELL SEARCH THE LANTERNS OUT AND *STRIKE RIGHT NOW!*

BUT IN THE TIME IT TAKES THE SINISTER SEVEN TO FIND THE GL CORPS, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK IN BRIEFLY ON OTHER FAMILIAR FIGURES...

--AND THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL LIVE, GUY GARDNER OF EARTH!

WHAT? THIS LITTLE ROOM?

LISTEN, APPA, I MAY BE FORCED TO HELP YOU REBUILD THIS PLANET, WHILE YOU TRY TO MAKE ME A WIMP LANTERN LIKE ALL THE OTHERS--

--BUT EVEN SO, I AM A LANTERN, AND THIS PLACE AIN'T EVEN GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE COCKROACHES!

ON THE CONTRARY! THOUGH FIVE YEARS OF MY EFFORTS HAVE AIDED THE PROBLEMS OF OVERPOPULATION ON MALTUS, WE REMAIN VERY DENSELY PACKED TOGETHER HERE!

ALL OF US MUST LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS!

NO! I SHOULDA BEEN A LANTERN A LONG TIME AGO, SO I DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS NOW! I WANT MORE SPACE!

YOU MAY WANT WHATEVER YOU WISH, GUY GARDNER, BUT IF YOU WANT YOUR POWER RING MORE, YOU WILL DO AS I SAY!

LISTEN, OLD MAN--

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WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

BLAMM!!

WAIT HERE!

ALIEN SHIPS--

--THOUGH O'COURSE, EVERYTHING'S ALIEN TO ME NOW!

PEOPLE OF MALTUS--OUR RACE WAS DECIMATED IN THE RECENT HOLOCAUST--WHILE YOUR ABILITY TO BREED IS LEGENDARY!

WE COME FROM PALOMARIS--AND PALOMARIS NEEDS WOMEN!

WE ALL NEED *SOMETHIN'*, FELLA! IN FACT, YOUR TAKIN' PEOPLE *OUTTA HERE* MIGHT GET ME A *BIGGER ROOM*--

--BUT WE ALL GOTTA *DO* WHAT WE *ALL GOTTA DO!*

DIDN'T *EXPECT* TO FIND A *GREEN LANTERN* HERE, *DID* YOU?

AND EVEN IF YOU *DID*, YOU COULDN'T EXPECT THE ONE YOU *GOT!*

THE *WIMP* LANTERNS MIGHT BE HAPPY JUST *CHASIN' YOU AWAY*, BUT *THEN* YOU MIGHT *COME BACK AGAIN*--

--AND I'M NOT A GUY WHO LIKES *LOOSE ENDS!*

SO *DIE*, INVADERS-- *DIE!*

NOT *BAD*, HUH? YOU PROBABLY WANNA GRIPE ABOUT *UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS* OR SOMETHIN', BUT YOU WANTED THE PLANET *PROTECTED*, AND IT *IS!*

LOOKS LIKE *YOU* GOTTA CHOOSE WHAT *YOU* WANT MOST, OLD MAN--*GOOD MANNERS* OR *PUBLIC ORDER!*

YOU WANNA *TALK*--I'LL BE IN MY *SUITE!*

AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE-- SPECIFICALLY, THE PLANET ZAMARON--

I'M BACK!

BUT THEN, WHERE ELSE WAS STAR SAPPHIRE TO GO--?

MY ENTIRE WORLD IS DESERTED, SINCE MY WARRIORS LEFT THE UNIVERSE WITH THE GUARDIANS! I AM A QUEEN WITHOUT SUBJECTS--

--BUT A QUEEN NONETHELESS! IT WAS UNTHINKABLE THAT I SHOULD RETURN TO THE WORLD OF MY HUMBLE ORIGINS-- EARTH!

I BECAME QUEEN FOR THE REST OF MY NATURAL LIFE, AND THE POWERS AVAILABLE TO ME REMAIN LARGELY UNEXPLORED!

GIVEN TIME, THOUGH, I WILL MASTER THEM! GIVEN TIME, I WILL DISCOVER ALL THE SECRETS OF THE ZAMARONS--

--AND THEN THE UNIVERSE WILL LEARN THAT I DON'T NEED WARRIORS TO MAKE MY PRESENCE FELT!

MOST PARTICULARLY, THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO TREAT ME AS THEY HAVE!

BEFORE I'M FINISHED, HAL AND JOHN AND KATMA WILL EACH KISS MY FOOT!

AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO BEGIN--!

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IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES--IT NOW HAS COMPETITION...

...BUT THAT'S A TALE FOR ANOTHER DAY! RIGHT NOW, IN THIS TALE, WE HAVE HEROES TO TURN TO!

UNFORTUNATELY, SO DO SEVEN OTHER PEOPLE!

LOOK AT THIS!

THEY'RE PUTTING UP A HOUSE!

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO LIVE HERE, HAL?

NO THANKS, JOHN! I HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY, AND AS MUCH TROUBLE AS IT'S CAUSED ME, I LIKE IT THAT WAY!

WELL, EVERYBODY KNOWS WHO JOHN STEWART IS!

WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE USE OF IT--GIVE PEOPLE A PLACE TO CONTACT US! BUT MY SUBLET IS NO PLACE TO CONDUCT WORLD BUSINESS--

--AND CH'P AND SALAKK AND KILOWOG NEED A PLACE TO STAY--SO THE CORPS GETS A HEADQUARTERS!

WHICH YOU DESIGNED WITH PERFECT SYMMETRIES, BY THE WAY!

I HAD INSPIRATION!

WELL, I DIDN'T GIVE UP MY LIFE IN 2815 TO LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WOODS! I'M GOING TO USE MY SECRET IDENTITY, TOO!

YOU HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY?

ON GRAXOS IV I WAS CYNELLA, A RISING ARTIST! HERE I'LL BE CINDY... SMITH!

NOT "SMITH," ARISIA! THERE MAY STILL BE A Mr. SMITH HOOKED INTO FERRIS AIRCRAFT--WHERE I MAY STILL WORK!

WHAT ABOUT "SIMPSON"?

WHATEVER YOU LIKE, HAL--!

AND I'LL CONTINUE MY OTHER IDENTITY, TOO! ANYTHING OF MY LIFE ON H'LVEN THAT I CAN HOLD ONTO...!

I MEAN, IT WON'T BE EASY! MY PEOPLE HAVEN'T EVOLVED HERE LIKE THEY DID THERE--!

AND THEY NEVER WILL IF YOU APPROACH THEM WEARING THAT DISMAL OUTFIT!

HEY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS OUTFIT?

IN WORDS OF SEVENTEEN SYLLABLES--

ATTACK..!!

LIKE POOZ, BUDDY!

WOW! LOOK AT HIM GO!

HE HARDLY EVEN USES HIS RING!

WITH POWER LIKE THAT, WHO NEEDS IT?

WE DO! THAT'S DOCTOR POLARIS, SONAR, THROTTLE, AND BLINDSIDE--

--HERE'S WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THEM!

AND HERE'S SOME MORE ON POLARIS AND SONAR!

BUT THE OTHER THREE ARE NEW TO YOU?

YEAH!

YEAH!

THEN WE'RE IN A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE POSITION!

AND SO SAYING, THE CYNIC FROM SPACE BLASTS DROPPED FIFTY FEET BACK-WARD--

--BUT HIS FEELINGS ARE ONLY CONFIRMED WHEN DROPPED GETS UP AGAIN!

WHAT KINDA SLIME ALIEN ARE THEY TRYIN' TO FOIST ON US ANYWAYS?

WELL, EVEN AN ALIEN HAS MASS--

--SO EVEN AN ALIEN WILL FALL BEFORE DROPPED!

MY WEIGHT-- INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY--!

CANNNN'T--

KRUMP!

THIS IS YOUR *FINISH*, LANTERN!

WRONG! IT'S MY *BEGINNING!*

NEVER!

AS YOU'VE DOUBTLESS INFORMED YOUR NEW *ALLIES*, MY BODY GENERATES *MAGNETISM*, FOR USE HOWEVER I *WISH!*

DID YOU TELL THEM I CAN ENCLOSE YOUR RING IN A *MAGNETIC FIELD* AND RENDER IT *USELESS?*

THAT'S *ONE* RING, BUT THERE'S *SIX MORE*--AN' *SOME OF US* DON'T *NEED* RINGS *ANYWAY!*

THERE'S NOT A *ONE'A* YOU THAT CAN STOP THE MIGHTY *KILOWOG!*

YOU GUYS ARE JUST GLUTTONS FOR *PUNISHMENT*, AREN'T YOU?

HOORAY, I SAY! I HAVE WANTED A *REMATCH* SINCE THE TIME YOU NEARLY *KILLED ME!*

POUNDING-- IN MY *CHEST--* MY *EARS--!*

I DON'T KNOW *WHY*--

--BECAUSE I'LL MAKE BOTH *YOUR* HEART *AND* YOUR BOY-FRIEND'S BURST LIKE OVER-REVVED ENGINES *THIS* TIME!

YOU CAN HARDLY HEAR YOURSELF *THINK* AROUND HERE!

LUB LUB LUB LUB

THE HARDER OUR *HEARTS* POUND, THE LOUDER THE SOUND WILL BEAT UPON *YOU!*

ARRGH! MY *EARS*--!

OKAY! I'LL STOP-- UNNHH!

AGHHH!

WHAT A *TEAM!* WHAT A *TEAM!*

YEAH--

--LIKE *ME AND HIM!*

I THINK YOU'RE *LUCKY* TO BE WEARING THOSE *GOGGLES*, BLINDSIDE-- OR YOUR *EYEBALLS* WOULD BE *FRIED EGGS* NOW!

THANK YOU, CH'P!

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE *FOR!*

I DON'T COMPREHEND "*FRIENDSHIP*"! I KNOW ONLY THE *VOID!*

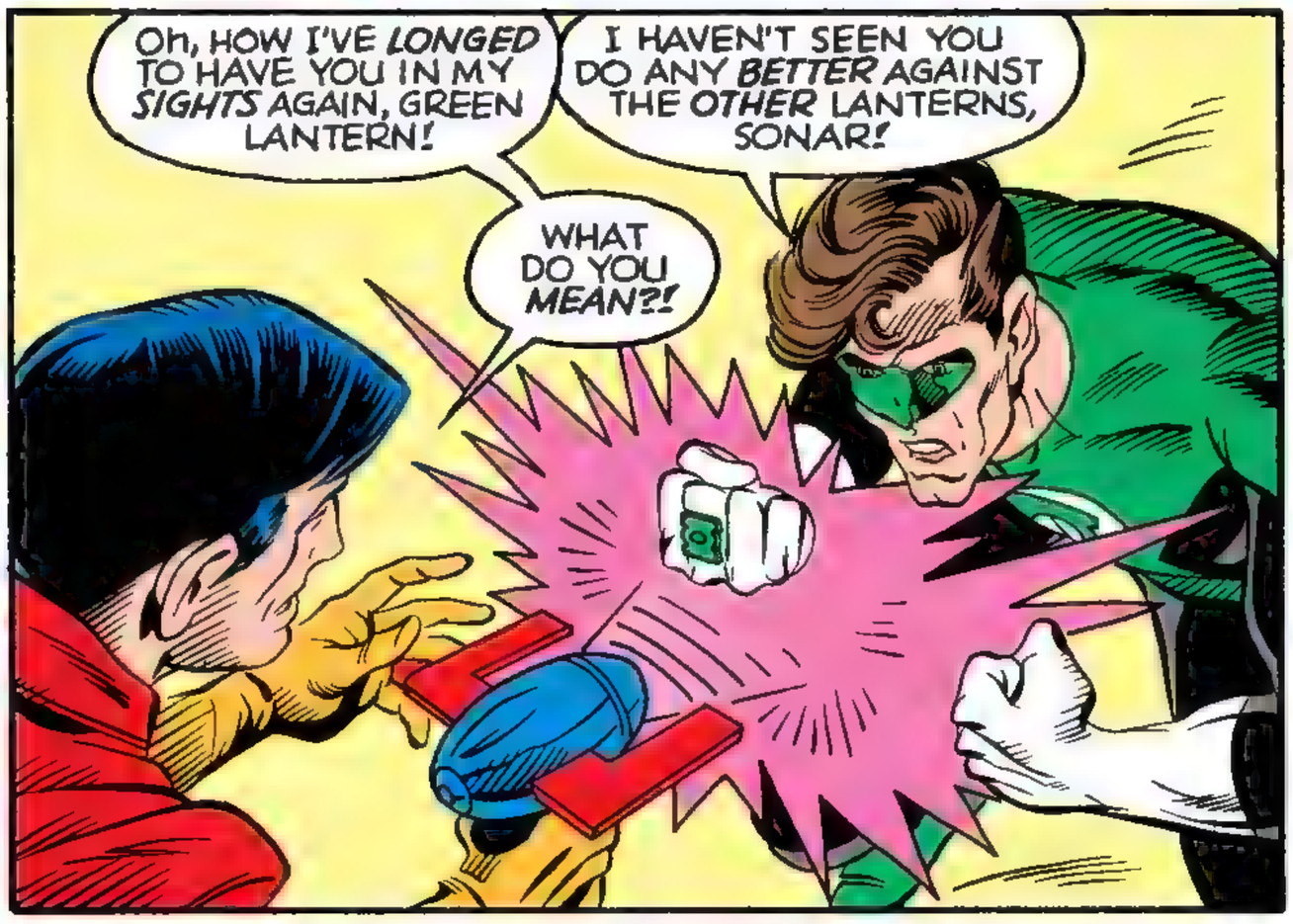
HEY! MY BODY'S *DISAPPEARING!*

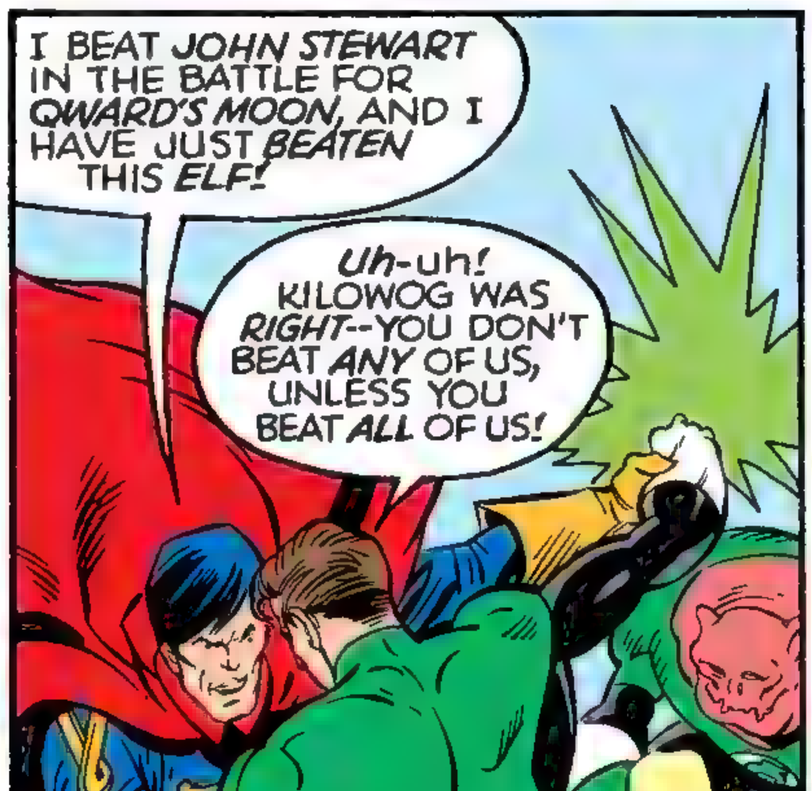
I CAN'T FEEL THE *MISSING* PARTS! THERE'S NO *PAIN*-- BUT THERE'S *NOTHING!*

SO MUST IT *ALWAYS* BE WHEN *WHITEOUT* WAVES HIS HAND!

BUT THE BODY WHICH *REMAINS* IS AS VULNERABLE TO MY SOUND ATTACK AS *EVER!*
OOOHH!
WHY, YOU--!

LEAVE THE GIRL ALO--
THANKS, KILOWOG, BUT THIS ONE'S *MINE!*


Oh, HOW I'VE *LONGED* TO HAVE YOU IN MY *SIGHTS* AGAIN, GREEN LANTERN!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU DO ANY *BETTER* AGAINST THE *OTHER* LANTERNS, SONAR!
WHAT DO YOU *MEAN?!*


I BEAT *JOHN STEWART* IN THE BATTLE FOR *QWARD'S MOON,* AND I HAVE JUST *BEATEN* THIS *ELF!*
Uh-uh! KILOWOG WAS *RIGHT*--YOU DON'T BEAT *ANY* OF US, UNLESS YOU BEAT *ALL* OF US!

IF THAT IS THE *CRITERION,* I WILL WHITE YOU *ALL* OUT, *POSTHASTE!*
THAT MAY CONFUSE SOMEONE WITH A *COMPLICATED* BODY LIKE A *HUMAN,* WHITEOUT--
--BUT *KILOWOG'S* BODY IS *NOWAYS COMPLICATED!*
I *CROUCH* OR I *JUMP,* THAT'S ALL THERE *IS* TA *ME!*

AND EVEN WE *COMPLICATED* TYPES DO OKAY *SOMETIMES!*

THE SPEAKERS STEWART USED ON *THROTTLE--!*

FEEDBACK--!

ENOUGH, YOU MEN! WE HAVE TO *REGROUP* AND *REDRAW OUR PLANS!*

THAT'S RIGHT--RUN *OUT* ON US NOW THAT THE PARTY'S GETTING *GOING!*

I DON'T *THINK SO,* POLARIS!

WHAT YOU THINK IS *IMMATERIAL,* GREEN LANTERN--AS LONG AS I HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE A MAGNETIC *FORCEFIELD* AROUND US!

THAT WON'T STOP GREEN LANTERNS! WE'LL FIND A WAY TO CUT THROUGH THAT!

KOI

YOU CAN'T FIND A *WAY* IF YOU CAN'T FIND *US!*

I *ENJOYED* THIS SCUFFLE, GREEN LANTERNS! IT WAS THE *FIRST* OF THIS NEW ERA, BUT NOT THE *LAST--!*

IT'S LIKE WHITEOUT MOVES THINGS TO *ANOTHER DIMENSION!* WE'LL *NEVER* FIND THEM *NOW!*

NO, BUT POLARIS SAID THEY'D BE *BACK,* AND HE STRIKES ME AS A HUMAN OF HIS *WORD!*

IT'S AN *ACTIVE PLACE,* THIS EARTH!

HYPERACTIVE, I'D SAY!

YOU'LL GET *USED* TO IT!

THAT IS WHAT *WORRIES* HIM, I BELIEVE!

WHAT WORRIES *ME* IS THAT GUY WITH THE FUNNY EARPIECES! HE DIDN'T *DO* ANYTHING DURING THAT *ENTIRE FIGHT!*

BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME TO *WORRY LATER!* WHAT COUNTS *HERE AND NOW* IS, WE *WON* OUR FIRST *BATTLE!*

EARTH IS *SURELY* GOING TO KNOW THAT THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS* HAS *ARRIVED!*

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FORGET IT, GREEN GUYS---

--NOTHING CAN STOP TRUK!

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KATUKI ATOLL, MILES FROM THE MAINLAND--

GONE! HECTOR HAMMOND IS GONE!

HE WAS *ABANDONED* HERE--HE ATTACKED HAL *MENTALLY* FROM HERE--BUT HE'S NOT HERE *NOW*, EVEN THOUGH HE CAN'T MOVE A *MUSCLE*!

I ASSUME THIS *ODDLY SHAPED DEPRESSION* IN THE SAND IS THE SPOT WHERE HIS *HUMANOID BODY* LAY!

YEAH, SALAKK--

--AN' THERE MAY BE *THREE MORE BESIDE IT* IF WE DON'T--

BEAM ON!

TURF!

THE *SECOND* TALE OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS

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NICE WORK, KILOWOG! IT'S Dr. POLARIS AND HIS LOST BOYS--DROPPED, THROTTLE, AND... SOMEBODY NEW!

BUT WITHOUT SONAR AND THE OTHERS!

WE THOUGHT FOUR WOULD BE ENOUGH TO GATHER HAMMOND IN, STEWART--JUST AS YOU, APPARENTLY, THOUGHT THREE WOULD SUFFICE!

WE WANT THE IMMORTAL MAN--HIS MIND WILL BE INVALUABLE TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE YOUR PLAN TO STATION SEVEN GREEN LANTERNS ON THIS PLANET!

POINT ONE, POLARIS--WE DON'T HAVE HIM! POINT TWO--THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS ISN'T MY IDEA! BUT.. POINT THREE--IT'S NOT JUST AN IDEA! IT'S A FACT!

SO--POINT FOUR--

--BACK OFF IF YOU DON'T WANT TO FACE THREE GREEN LANTERNS IN A FIGHT!

BIG TALKER! YOU SCREWS ARE ALL ALIKE!

WHAT'S A "SCREW"? IS THAT WHERE WE ARE?

NOT NOW, YOU OAF! THIS IS AN ISLAND IN THE SOUTH PASAFAKK OCEAN! DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO JOHN WHEN HE EXPLAINED THIS PLANET?

WHO CAN EXPLAIN A PLANET, SALAKK? YA HAVETA LIVE 'EM!

SPARE ME--!

ONE OF YOU WAS A CHALLENGE, RING-WIELDER--MAN AGAINST MAN! BUT A GROUP OF YOU FORCES MEN LIKE ME TO TAKE ON ALLIES AS WELL!

I DISLIKE THAT SORT OF LIFE--SO I HAVE NO HIGHER PURPOSE NOW THAN THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR TEAM!

SO, BOYS--REMEMBER WHAT DROPPED CAN DO--?

ZOX ON THIS CREATURE! HE MAKES... MY WEIGHT... GROWWWW...

CAN'T LIFT YOUR *RING*, LANTERN? CAN'T EVEN LIFT YOUR *EYELIDS*, *CAN* YOU?

BHHDDDD

BUT I DON'T *NEED* TO LIFT MY RING TO AIM ITS *EMERALD POWER* WHEREVER I WILL!

UNNHH!

YOU THINK YOUR *RING* AND YOUR *MUSCLES* MAKE YOU *INVINCIBLE*, KILOWOG?

AND *YOU*-- *THROTTLE!* YOU WON'T DO ANY *BETTER* AGAINST THE GREEN LANTERN OF *BOLOVAX VIK!*

WELL, AS LONG AS I'M IN THE *MIDDLE* OF THIS MESS, I MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE *BEST* OF IT--

MUSCLES FIRIN' OFF *UNCONTROLLABLY!*

WHOOP!

ALMOST FORGOT-- THROTTLE'S POWER-- TO *SPEED UP* ANYTHING THAT *MOVES!*

--AND I CAN MAKE IT *REAL GOOD!*

YEE-HAW! RIDE 'EM, COWBOY!

NO ONE TRAMPLES ON THE HONOR OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS LIKE THAT!-!

AAAGGH!

NOW THERE'S ONLY *YOU*, STEWART! JUST *ONE* GREEN LANTERN TO FACE MY *MAGNETIC POWERS!*

ONE'S ALL EARTH *EVER* HAD BEFORE THE *CRISIS*, POLARIS!

ONE'LL BE ENOUGH!

IT'LL *HAVE TO BE!* *SALAKK AND KILOWOG* CAN'T HELP ME, AND *I* CAN'T HELP *THEM!*

WHO'S YOUR *SILENT FRIEND?* AND WHERE'S THE *OTHER* GUY FROM *LAST TIME--* *POLESTAR?*

POLESTAR IS MY *SECRET--* AS IS--

--TRUK!

IN RESPONSE TO HIS NAME, THE MASSIVE FIGURE SHUDDERS SLIGHTLY--

--TAKING ONE SMALL STEP FORWARD!

AND THEN ANOTHER, SLIGHTLY LONGER!

POLARIS, YOU FOUGHT *BESIDE ME* IN THE *CRISIS*, TO SAVE THE *UNIVERSE!* WHY ARE YOU BACK AT *CRIME?*

BECAUSE I *PREFER* CRIME--AND IN THAT MIX OF *HEROES AND VILLAINS* THAT WE WERE, I SAW *POWER* SUCH AS I--EVEN I -- HAD NEVER *CONCEIVED* OF!

BUT NEITHER WILL *I!*

THE MAGICK AT MY *FINGERTIPS* CAN COUNTER *ANY* POWER IN THE UNIVERSE IF I *USE* IT RIGHT--

I'M NOT A SIMPLE *EARTH-CRIMINAL* ANY *LONGER*, STEWART! I'VE SEEN THE VISTAS *YOU'VE* SEEN, AND I'LL NEVER *THINK SMALL AGAIN!*

JOHN!?

WHA--?

WOW!

WHAM!

MEET *TRUK--* AND *DIE!*

HE'S PICKED UP *SPEED, HASN'T* HE? SPEED AND *MOMENTUM!*

YEAH, LIKE A *TRUCK! I* GET IT!

BUT HE'S NO MATCH FOR *ME!*

Huh? HE PUSHED RIGHT *THROUGH THE BARRIER!*

THE *HARBINGER* DID THAT, BUT SHE WAS--THE *HARBINGER!*

I WOULDN'T *BET* ON THAT!

WHATEVER *HE* IS--HE'S NOT *HER--!*

NOTHING STOPS *TRUK!*

LOOK AT THAT SUCKER PLOW UP THE *SAND!*

STEWART'S *STOPPED* HIM!

CAN'T *BELIEVE* IT--!

HAVE TO *PROTECT MYSELF* BEFORE HE *CRUSHES ME!*

=UNNHH!=

JOHN'S INJURED--OF COURSE! IT'S UP TO ME TO SAVE US NOW-- OF COURSE!

KILOWOG'S OUR BEST HOPE! THROTTLE'S ACCELERATION OF HIS MOVEMENTS HAS ALL BUT DRAINED THE BRUTE OF STRENGTH--

--BUT FOR THE MOMENT, I'LL ACCELERATE HIM EVEN FURTHER!

HEY!

C-CAN'T-T HOLD-D-D-ON--!

BLAST IT! WITH ALL MY POWER, I CAN'T INCREASE THE MASS OF LIGHT!

I'LL STOP HIM!

TOO LATE--!

WHOAAAA---!

=WHEW!=

GOOD THING I'M BUILT SO SIMPLE--IT DON'T TAKE LONG TO RECOVER FROM STUFF--!

NOOO! HE-HE'S COMIN' DOWN RIGHT ON TOP OF M--

eeeeee.

THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY I WAS *BORN TA PULVERIZE!*

PLEASE--NO *EPIGRAMS!* WE MUST GET JOHN *AWAY* FROM HERE!

YEAH--YOU'RE *RIGHT!*

SCORE *ONE* FOR YOU, *POOZBALLS*--THAT MAKES US *EVEN* AFTER THE WAY WE *KICKED YOU AROUND* LAST TIME!

BUT DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK A *THIRD* TIME!

JUST--GIMME--A MINUTE! I'LL BLOW THEM ALL--AWAY--!

NO--LET THEM *RUN!* IT DOES MY HEART *GOOD* TO SEE THEM IN RETREAT, SINCE IT *WAS* WE OURSELVES WHO FLED *PREVIOUSLY!*

THE END IS *CERTAIN*--ONLY *ONE GROUP* WILL *SURVIVE!* WE CAN TAKE OUR *TIME REACHING* IT!

THANKS--GUYS! THE LAST TIME I FELT LIKE THIS--WAS AFTER A FOURTH AND GOAL --AGAINST PURDUE--!

HE'S BABBLING--!

NO, I THINK IT'S A *LOCAL* REFERENCE!

WHATEVER--

--HE COULD USE A GOOD *LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM* RIGHT NOW!

ZOX! I NEVER SAW A GREEN LANTERN CREATE ANYTHING SO COMPLEX BEFORE!

I KINDA MADE IT MY *SPECIALTY* AS A GL, 'CAUSE MY BODY'S SO... *UN-COMPLEX!*

I CAN'T MAKE THINGS LIKE THAT WITH THESE *HANDS*, Y'KNOW, SO I DO IT WITH THE *GREEN LIGHT!*

YOU CAN DO *ANYTHING* WITH IT, AFTER ALL! ALL THAT *MATTERS* IS YOUR--

--WILL--!

NOW, AS IT HAPPENS, ALL SEVEN GREEN LANTERNS ON EARTH--NOT JUST THESE THREE--HAVE HAD AN EVENTFUL LAST FEW MINUTES! SO, SINCE WE CAN'T TELL FOUR STORIES SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE'LL BACK UP A BIT NOW...

...AND LOOK IN ON HAL JORDAN AS HE ARRIVES IN EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA--WHERE THE SUN HAS BEEN UP FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS...!

WELL, HERE GOES--!

FERRIS

I JUST FOUGHT HARDER THAN I EVER FOUGHT BEFORE TO BECOME GREEN LANTERN AGAIN, BUT NOT SO I COULD GIVE UP THIS IDENTITY!

ANYTHING COULD HAVE HAPPENED DURING THE CRISIS, BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, I STILL TEST PLANES AT FERRIS--

--AND I LIKE TESTING PLANES AT FERRIS, EVEN WITH CAROL GONE!

JOHN WANTS TO BE A FULL-TIME GL, AND GOOD LUCK TO HIM!

LET HIM TAKE KILOWOG AND SALAKK OUT TO THAT ATOLL AND PICK UP HECTOR HAMMOND! I BEAT HAMMOND--I DID MY PART--SO NOW--

HAL! HEY, YOU SON OF A GUN--YOU'RE BACK!

TOM! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE REAPING THE PROFITS OF THAT NEW ENGINE YOU INVENTED!

I AM, BUDDY! I DON'T WORK FOR FERRIS ANYMORE, I WORK WITH IT!

THEY LEASED THE RIGHTS! NO ARGUMENTS ABOUT MY WORKING ON MY OWN TIME OR ANYTHING! I'M A CONTRACTOR NOW--A RICH CONTRACTOR!

MY FRIENDS IN ALASKA CALLED ME CRAZY WHEN I MOVED TO THE LOWER FORTY-EIGHT, BUT THIS IS THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY! THE ONLY REAL NEGATIVE IS SEEING SO MUCH OF Mr. SMITH--

SMITH? HE'S STILL HOOKED IN HERE?

MORE THAN THAT!

HE AND CON-TROL OUSTED CAROL'S FATHER JUST AFTER YOU DISAPPEARED! HE OWNS THE PLACE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT--!

Oh, *BELIEVE* IT, JORDAN--JUST AS YOU MUST BELIEVE I *SHOULD DOCK* YOUR *PAY* SINCE YOU STARTED *MISSING WORK*-- OR *FIRE YOU*--

--BUT I'VE STUDIED YOUR *RECORD!* I KNOW HOW *VALUABLE* YOU ARE TO THIS COMPANY--

--TO *ME!*

SO YOU'LL BE PAID *AS IF* YOU WERE HERE--*IF* YOU TOE MY LINE IN THE *FUTURE!*

WELL-- SURE--!

I THOUGHT, WITH THE *PREDATOR* DESTROYED, HIS *FRONT MAN* AND THEIR *COMPANY* WOULD SLITHER BACK INTO THE *WOODWORK*--

--BUT I GUESS SMITH AND INTERCONTINENTAL PETROLEUM WERE ABLE TO CARRY ON *WITHOUT* THEIR BOSS!

YOU'LL TEST Mr. KALMAKU'S *ENGINES* ONCE WE'VE *BUILT* THEM! SINCE YOU'RE OLD *COMRADES*, THAT SHOULD BE *EFFICIENT!*

I HAD YOU IN MIND AS I *DESIGNED* THEM, HAL! THAT'S THE *REAL REASON* I GOT *MAD* AT YOU WHEN YOU GOT...DISTRACTED!

WELL, SHALL WE GET DOWN TO *BUSINESS?*

SURELY, Mr. SMITH! SEE YOU *SOON*, HAL-- COME HAVE DINNER WITH *TERGA AND ME!*

ABSOLUTELY!

WELL, *I'LL BE DARNED!* SMITH'S AS COLD AS HE *EVER* WAS, BUT HE NEVER WAS *EVIL*--JUST A *GOOD SOLDIER*, DOING WHAT HE WAS *TOLD!*

WITH HIM ON HIS *OWN*, THINGS MAY ACTUALLY HAVE GOTTEN *BETTER* WHILE I WAS GONE--!

Psst! JORDAN! Psst!

WHY-- CARL FERRIS!

OVER HERE! I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN!

I HEARD YOU--

THEY STOLE IT FROM ME, JORDAN! THEY STOLE MY COMPANY--MY LIFE'S WORK--

--AND THEY KILLED MY DAUGHTER!

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WHA-- WHAT? CAROL--?

YOU DIDN'T KNOW? NOT MANY DO--THEY'VE SEEN TO THAT! BUT WHEN SMITH'S PRESSURE ON ME TO SELL WOULDN'T BUDGE ME, SHE VANISHED!

SMITH'S TOO CLEVER TO DO MORE THAN HINT HE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO HER--BUT THE DAY AFTER I LAST SAW HER, HE TOLD ME HE WAS TAKING OVER!

I WAS FRANTIC-- AND HER VOTE WAS REMOVED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS! THEN--SO WAS I!

MY GOD! CAROL'S NOT DEAD--SHE'S STAR SAPPHIRE-- BUT I CAN'T TELL HIM! HOW WOULD HAL JORDAN KNOW?

JORDAN, WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES, BUT I KNOW YOU LOVED MY DAUGHTER! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

USE YOUR POSITION HERE TO SPY ON SMITH! GET ME SOME AMMUNI-TION TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR HIS CRIMES!

I--I--

--I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN!

GOOD MAN!

WE DIDN'T ALWAYS GET ALONG--BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU NOW!

WELCOME HOME, HAL--!

AND EVEN AS THAT WAS HAPPENING IN EL SEGUNDO--EVEN AS JOHN AND SALAKK AND KILOWOG WERE BATTLING POLARIS AND HIS MEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC--

--KATMA TUI AND ARISIA WERE ENTERING A CERTAIN CONDO IN MARINA DEL REY!

JOHN LIVED HERE--?

WELL--WE *BOTH* DID, FOR A SHORT TIME--!

Oh, KATMA, YOU'RE NOT *BLUSHING*, ARE YOU? I CAN'T *TELL!*

DON'T BE *EMBARRASSED!* IT MUST BE *WONDERFUL* WHEN YOU FINALLY FIND *TRUE LOVE!*

YOU, ah, RATHER CARE FOR *HAL*, DO YOU NOT, ARISIA?

BOY, *DO* I! I WENT *GAZANDO* THE FIRST TIME I *LAID EYES* ON HIM-- BUT HE WON'T PAY A *BIT* OF *ATTENTION* TO ME, DARN HIM!

WELL, YOU *ARE*, IN EARTH TERMS, A "*TEENAGER*"--!

I *KNOW*--AND HE JUST LOST THAT *CAROL* WOMAN HE LOVED--

--BUT I'LL *NEVER GIVE UP!* I'LL GET *OLDER*, AND WE HAVE TO SPEND A *LOT* OF TIME *TOGETHER* NOW, AS FELLOW *GREEN LANTERNS!*

I STILL HAVE *HOPES!*

THEN WHY DID YOU WANT TO TAKE OVER THIS *RENTAL*, INSTEAD OF LIVING AT OUR NEW *CITADEL?*

WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO SIT AROUND *MOONING* LIKE A *SICK CALF!*

I WANT TO *LIVE* ON THIS WORLD, NOT HIDE AWAY UP IN THE *HILLS!* JUST LIKE *HAL* DOES!

LET HIM SEE HOW *INDEPENDENT* I AM! *THEN* HE'LL STOP THINKING OF ME AS A *LITTLE GIRL!*

BUT YOU *ARE*--

Oh, WELL! JOHN AND I WILL GLADLY--

ARISIA--!?

WHAT IS *WRONG?*

I--I DON'T *KNOW!* A WAVE OF *DIZZINESS--!*

IT'S *GONE* NOW! PROBABLY JUST THE ADJUSTMENT TO THIS *NEW WORLD!*

LET ME *SEE--!*

THE EMERALD LIGHT DETECTS NO *ILLNESS--!*

OF *COURSE* NOT! I'M AS HEALTHY AS A *HOOLAHOCK!*

AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO TELL ANYBODY *ABOUT* THIS, KATMA! *PROMISE* ME!

BUT--

NO "*BUTS*"! I'M A *GREEN LANTERN*-- I DON'T WANT ANYBODY THINKING I DON'T *DESERVE* TO BE!

PROMISE ME!

I PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE EXCEPT *JOHN*, AND *THAT* ONLY IF I DEEM IT *NECESSARY!* I CANNOT IN GOOD *CONSCIENCE* KEEP SECRETS FROM *HIM!*

BUT I WILL NOT TELL *HAL--!*

THANKS, GL!

AND STILL AT THE SAME TIME, IN GRIFFITH PARK-- CH'P WAS OUT ON THE PROWL--

SO FEW *WOODLANDS* LEFT IN THIS AREA! THE BIGGIES NEED SO MUCH *ROOM*-- THEY LEAVE SO *LITTLE* FOR PEOPLE LIKE *ME!*

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HOW'M I *EVER* GONNA *FIND* ANYBODY?

WAIT! AREN'T THOSE--?

HERE'S WHERE THAT *BOOK* HAL LOANED ME COMES IN *HANDY!*

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YESSIREE! THOSE'RE *CHIPMUNKS*--THE ONES JOHN SAID MY NAME *REMINDED* HIM OF!

CHIPMUNK

BUT--THEY *RAN AWAY!*

AW, C'MON, GUYS, I'M NOT A *BIGGIE*--NOT LIKE *BIGGIES* ARE *BIGGIES!*

I'M A *LITTLE* BIG--BUT *REALLY,* I'M LIKE *YOU!*

CHTTERCHTTCHTTCHTT!

NO, NO--I KNOW YOU DON'T SPEAK ANY *LANGUAGE* I KNOW, BUT MY *RING* CAN LET US TALK!

CHAWKKK!!

WAIT!

THEY DON'T *UNDERSTAND!* THEY *CAN'T*--THEIR BRAINS ARE SO *PRIMITIVE!*

THEY'RE *NOT* LIKE ME! THEY'RE--

--JUST *ANIMALS--!*

BUT *WAIT!* THERE'S SOMEBODY MORE MY *SIZE!*

I DON'T KNOW THEIR *NAMES*, BUT IT DOESN'T *MATTER!*

THEY'VE EVEN GOT *MASKS* ALREADY! AND REAL *HANDS!*

HI, GUYS! MY NAME'S *CH'P*--GREEN LANTERN FROM THE PLANET *H'LVEN!* IT WAS CHANGED TOO DRASTICALLY IN THE CRISIS FOR ME TO *LIVE THERE*, BUT I'M GLAD YOU--

SSSSSST!

MUGGLE AND TUGGLE! THEY'RE STUPID, TOO--LIKE *CAVE-MONKS*, FROM H'LVEN'S DIM *PAST!*

BUT WE *BECAME* SOMETHING ON H'LVEN! WE *EVOLVED!*

IS THERE *NO* INTELLIGENT LIFE HERE ON EARTH, EXCEPT THE *BIGGIES*?

THIS WAY, GROUP! THERE'S A *GREAT* FIELD FOR *BALL* OVER HERE!

HOLY--!

WHAT'S *THAT?!!*

A *BEAVER* WEARING *SHORTS?*

THEY'RE --THEY'RE ALL SO--

--BIG:--!

I'M NOT *AFRAID* OF *ANYTHING!* NO GREEN LANTERN IS--IT'S THE PRIMARY TEST OF *FITNESS!*

I'VE FOUGHT THE *WAR TO END ALL WARS,* IN THE *ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE OF QWARD!*

BUT I NEVER FACED A FUTURE LIKE *THIS*-- A FUTURE WHERE I'M *ALONE*--

--AND *SMALL!*

I WAS *NEVER* SMALL ON *H'LVEN!* I WAS *NORMAL!* I WAS *BETTER* THAN NORMAL! BUT *HERE*--

--*HERE* THE RULERS OF THE WORLD LOOM OVER ME LIKE *MOVING TREES!*

MAYBE IT'D BE ***BETTER*** IF I *COULD* FEEL FEAR-- INSTEAD OF THIS VAST *INSECURITY--!*

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, CH'P'S WORRIES ARE INTERRUPTED BY A SIGNAL FROM THE CORPS CITADEL--

--AND SO IT IS THROUGHOUT THE L.A. BASIN--!

AND MOMENTS LATER--

JOHN! WHAT'S UP?

WHERE'S *HECTOR HAMMOND*? DIDN'T YOU *GET* HIM?

NO--WE DUNNO *WHERE* HE WENT! BUT LISTEN TO WHAT WE FOUND *INSTEAD*--!

MOMENTS AFTER THAT--

YOU DO NOT LOOK *BADLY INJURED*, JOHN!

I DON'T FEEL IT *EITHER*, *NOW*! THAT *LIFE-SUPPORT DOOHICKEY* KILOWOG WHIPPED UP TOOK ALL THE *KINKS* OUT!

IT WAS *NOTHIN' SPECIAL*, FOR *ME*!

BUT WE MUST SEEK OUT AND OVERWHELM Dr. POLARIS AND HIS GROUP! THEY ARE DETERMINED TO HARASS AND OVERWHELM US IF WE DON'T!

WHO'D'VE THOUGHT SOMEBODY'D *HATE US* JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT--*ALONE*?

IF WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT A *PRIORITY*, JOHN AND I HAVE A *TECHNIQUE* FOR DETECTING THE ULTRA-SONICS OF SONAR'S *SONIGUN*!

SHE TAUGHT *ME*-- I'LL SHOW *YOU* IF YOU DON'T KNOW SOME-THING *SIMILAR ALREADY*!

WITH *SEVEN* OF US, WE CAN COVER THE *WORLD*!

THEY'VE SURPRISED US *TWICE* NOW, BUT THEY'VE ONLY GOTTEN *DRAWS*!

THIS TIME WE SURPRISE *THEM*, AND *THIS TIME* WE WIN *OUTRIGHT*!

THE GROUNDS OF CASTLE WLADON, DEEP IN THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN REALM OF MODORA--

YOU ALLOWED THEM TO LEAVE?!! VICTORY OVER AN AMERICAN GREEN LANTERN IN YOUR GRASP, AND YOU DID NOTHING?!!

I DON'T SHARE YOUR OBSESSION WITH SHOWING THE WORLD AN AGENT OF MODORA CAN HUMBLE A SUPER-POWER, SONAR!

I WANT TO SEND OUR MESSAGE TO THE UNIVERSE-- "THE FORCES OF CRIME WILL NOT ACCEPT A GREEN LANTERN CORPS IN OUR MIDST!"

THAT MESSAGE IS BEST SENT IF THEY ALL DIE TOGETHER!

YOU THINK LIKE A KING, POLARIS--I THINK LIKE A FREEDOM-FIGHTER! TAKE THREE WHILE YOU HAVE THEM, I SAY!

THE WORLD--AND THE UNIVERSE--WOULD KNOW WHAT YOU'D DONE BY THE REACTION OF THE FOUR REMAINING!

THE MEDIA CAN REACH INTO THE MOST REMOTE CORNER OF THE GLOBE NOW!

TNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN

WELL, ANYWAY, IT'S DONE! AND I'M READY FOR SOME OF YOUR MODORAN FOOD--

OH!

PARDON ME! MISS--?

MALIGNON!

SONAR! LOOK!

AFTERNOON, PARDNERS--!

DON'T MIND *HIM!* HE THINKS HE'S AT THE *OK CORRAL!*

AN APT *IMAGE* FOR THIS MEETING, GREEN LANTERN--THOUGH IN *THIS* SPOT I MIGHT CHOOSE THE *1914-18 WAR!*

TURF! THAT'S WHAT IT'S *ALL ABOUT!* THIS WORLD BELONGS TO *ONE* OR THE *OTHER* OF US--BUT *NOT BOTH!*

WAIT A MINUTE! THERE'S SOMETHING *WRONG* HERE!

IF STEWART LOST WITH *TWO PARTNERS,* HE WOULDN'T COME HERE WITH JUST *ONE!*

NO...

WE'RE IN A *BOX!* GET SOME *FIGHTING ROOM!*

NO, DOCTOR-- THE BOX HAS A *LID!*

AND THAT'S NOT *ALL--!*

DON'T FORGET ABOUT *THEIR* TWO OTHER PARTNERS-- *TRUK* AND *POLESTAR!*

OR THE *THIRD,* SILENT STRANGER--!

MALIGNON LOOKS ON...

BAH! I DON'T CARE IF YOU *CLOSE IN ON ME* OR *KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!* EITHER WAY--

--THE SNAP OF MY *PUNCH* RIDES WAVES OF *SUPERSONICS* STRAIGHT TO YOUR *JAW!*

YOU USE *SOUND*, AND I'LL USE *LIGHT*--AND EITHER WAY--

--I'LL MATCH YOU *BLOW FOR BLOW!*

NO DOUBT! BUT YOU MIGHT EXPECT THE *MASTER OF SOUND* TO HAVE DEVISED A SET OF *DEFENSES* FOR HIS *CASTLE!*

ULTRASONICS-- DESTROYING MY *EQUILIBRIUM!*

CANNOT *STAND*--!

EARPLUGS WILL HELP-- BUT ONLY WHEN I BLOCK THE *RIGHT COMBI-NATION* OF *FREQUENCIES!*

GOT IT! I'M OKAY! BUT--

--YOU RECOVER *TOO LATE*, GREEN LANTERN!

NICE *GUN* YOU HAVE THERE, SONAR! MAYBE I *AM* AT THE *OK CORRAL* AFTER *ALL!*

ANOTHER SONI-GUN! BUT THE *DOUBLED SOUND* WILL *OVERMODULATE--*

SHAKK!

MALIGNON MOVES...

GETTING MIXED UP IN THIS WASN'T *MY* IDEA, LITTLE GUY, BUT BLINDSIDE'S NOT *ABOUT* TO GET BEAT BY A *RACCOON!*

HIS BURST IS BOTH *LIGHT AND HEAT-- DAZZLING--*

--AND IT'S *BURNING MY FUR!*

CUTE LITTLE GUY! I'M GONNA *HATE MYSELF* AFTER I STOMP YOU INTO THE *GROUND--*

--BUT I'LL *LIVE* WITH IT!

FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION THE *GROUND,* BIGGIE--

--BECAUSE A *FOREST CREATURE* LIKE *ME* CAN JUDGE YOUR DISTANCE AND MOVEMENT FROM THE *VIBRATIONS* OF YOUR *FOOTSTEPS--*

--EVEN *WITHOUT* MY EYES!

I WAS RELATED TO A RACCOON ONCE, BLINDSIDE--

--BUT NOW I'M RELATED TO ALL THE CREATURES WEARING GREEN!

--ONLY--TO THE CREATURES WEARING GREEN--!

YES... YES... YESSS--!

WHO'S THE GHOUL IN BLACK, WHITEOUT? AND WHERE ARE YOUR TWO BACKUP BOYS?

WHERE DO YOU DIG UP THESE PEOPLE?

QUESTIONS ARE THE SIGN OF AN UNQUIET MIND, ARISIA--BUT I CAN GIVE YOU PEACE!

I--I'D SAY YOU'RE NOT ALL THERE, WHITEOUT--

--BUT NEITHER ARE YOU, NOW-- AND THE LOSS OF SELF CORRODES YOUR SELF-CONTROL, DOES IT NOT?

THIS IS SILLY! IT SHOULDN'T BOTHER ME THIS MUCH!

BUT-- I CAN'T FEEL MY BODY--!

WHY DOES THAT SCARE ME? WHY?

AND ALL AT ONCE--

EEEEEEE

AND MALIGNON MAKES HER MOVE--

RADIATION-- MORE POWERFUL THAN THE *HEART* OF A SUN--!

JOHN! LOOK OUT!

MY GOD! IT'S EATING AT MY *FLESH!*

WHAT SORT OF HORROR *ARE* YOU, WOMAN?

THIS IS GETTIN' TA BE A *HABIT!*

Ah, WOMAN-- I AM *NOT* A WOMAN! "MALIGNON" IS A *FICTION*--

--JUST AS "*TRUK*" AND "*POLESTAR*" WERE *FICTIONS!*

BUT THEY WERE *NECESSARY STAGES* FOR MY *REFORMULATION*, AS I CAME TO EXIST UNDER *EARTH CONDITIONS!*

OH, MY GOODNESS! THAT *VOICE*-- I *KNOW* THAT *VOICE*--!

YES, CH'P-- I AM *INDEED* YOUR *OLDEST FOE*-- THE ONE FOE YOU HAVE *NEVER DEFEATED*--

--DOCTOR *UB'X* OF THE PLANET *H'LVEN!*

AND NOW THAT *I LIVE AGAIN*-- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS* IS *FINALLY ASSURED!*

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THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS

THE ORIGIN OF CH'P...

...AND THE DIABOLICAL DR. UB'X!

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The DIABOLICAL DOCTOR UB'X!

THAT'S HIM, RIGHT THERE!

YOU SAY HE DOESN'T LOOK DIABOLICAL--THAT HE EVEN LOOKS A LITTLE...FUNNY?

--YOU'RE RIGHT! HE DOES LOOK FUNNY!

BUT HE'S NOT...!

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THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS

SCENE: CASTLE WLADON, DEEP IN THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS--

Hee, hee, hee! THE GREEN LANTERN AND HIS SIX BIGGIE BUDDIES--MINE! ALL MINE!

YOU SEE, GENTLEMEN, I TOLD YOU I HAD A SECRET--AND DOCTOR POLARIS NEVER LIES!

MEET DOCTOR UB'X!

I SWORE THAT I WOULD RID THE EARTH OF A FORCE AS POTENT AS SEVEN GREEN LANTERNS, AND THAT WAS THE TRUTH AS WELL!

YOU RID THE EARTH OF THEM? I WARN YOU, POLARIS--

--DON'T MAKE ME MAD!

WHAT?

THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE!

YOU DID! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! BUT I CHOSE YOU TO DO IT!

YOU WORK FOR ME NOW--AND ALWAYS HAVE!

LISTEN, UB'X, YOU CAN LEAVE ANY TIME IF YOU'RE GOING TO START RAVING--!

SELF-RIGHTEOUS GORILLA!

DOES ANYONE ELSE FAIL TO SEE THE POWER OF MY SUCKER STICK?

UH, NO--!

SIR!

EXCELLENT! THEN LET US *UNDERSTAND* EACH OTHER! I HAVE COME FROM THE PLANET *H'LVEN*, WHERE I WOULD, IN TIME, HAVE *RULED SUPREME!*

THE FACT THAT THIS IS *EARTH* HAS NO BEARING ON MY DESTINY OF *PRE-EMINENCE!* ONLY *FORCE* CAN TAKE *THAT* FROM ME!

UNDERSTOOD?

Uh, WE--I'M *THROTTLE* --THIS IS MY PARTNER, *BLINDSIDE*-- WE BELIEVE YOU, BUT, uh, WE DON'T *CARE* ABOUT RULING SUPREME!

IS THERE ANY *MONEY* IN THIS?

HEAPS!

I AM CALLED *SONAR*, DOCTOR! *I* SEEK SUPREMACY FOR THIS *LAND* IN WHICH YOU STAND-- PROUD *MODORA!*

BEFORE I ASSENT TO YOUR BID FOR CONTROL, *TELL* ME--

--IF YOUR "*SUCKER STICK*" HAS THE POWER WE'VE SEEN TODAY-- THE POWER TO DROP *GREEN LANTERNS* LIKE *RIPE WHEAT*--

--WHY DIDN'T YOU USE IT *BEFORE* THIS? WHY HAVE NONE OF US *HEARD* OF YOUR *AMAZING ABILITIES?*

EXPAND YOUR THINKING BEYOND *MODORA*, SONAR! THERE WERE 3600 GREEN LANTERNS BEFORE THE CRISIS, FLUNG ACROSS THE *UNIVERSE!*

EACH HAD HIS OR HER OWN *GALLERY OF OPPONENTS!* WHY SHOULD THE CRIMINALS OF *EARTH* KNOW *ANY* OF THEM?

ALL RIGHT,.. BUT WHY *DIDN'T* YOU USE YOUR POWER BEFORE THIS...

...AND WHY HAVE YOU COME TO EARTH TO DO IT *NOW?!*

HIM!

GREEN LANTERN!

HIM?!! THAT *LITTLE*--

--*uh*--I MEAN--

LISTEN-- *ALL* OF YOU...!

FOURTEEN EXALS AGO, I RULED *HALF* OUR GALAXY!

THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE, AS I CHARTED THE CONQUEST OF A *NEW* PLANET, *H'LVEN*, THAT I WOULD NOT SOON HAVE THE *OTHER* HALF!

"CONSIDERING THE *H'LVENITES*, THERE WAS NO REASON AT *ALL*--!

"AND SO, MY ARMADA *ATTACKED!*"

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED AN ATTACK FROM THE *SIDE*, LORD UB'X!

STOP *COMPLAINING*, COMMANDER--UNLESS YOU'D LIKE YOUR *SHELL CRACKED!*

"THE *CRABSTERS* WERE THE MOST RELENTLESS DENIZENS OF MY *EMPIRE!* THEY SWEPT THROUGH THE MONKS ALMOST AT *WILL*--

"--AND THE FEW CHIPPER SOULS WHO OFFERED *RESISTANCE*--

"--WERE A JOKE!

"BY *NIGHTFALL*, I HAD ALL THOSE WHO'D *SURVIVED* THEIR DEFEAT *BEFORE* ME!"

CITIZEN *CH'P*-- I SENTENCE YOU TO ROAST UPON AN *OPEN FIRE* AT *NOON TOMORROW!*

NO! OH, *NO!*

DON'T GIVE UP *HOPE*, M'NN'E! I'M NOT DEAD *YET!*

--BUT I'M NOT *AFRAID* OF THOSE GUYS! IF I *COULD* THINK OF A WAY, I'D *STILL* MAKE THE *FUR FLY!*

THERE *IS* A WAY, YOUNG CH'P--!

THE PROBLEM *IS*, SHOOTING *ACORNS* AT THEM IS STILL THE BEST PLAN I CAN *THINK* OF!

WE NEVER HAD THE *NEED* TO DEVELOP *DEADLY* WEAPONS HERE ON H'LVEN--

WHA-- WHA-- WHAT ARE *YOU?*

I AM A *GUARDIAN OF THE UNIVERSE!* AND WITH THE *MAGICK* WHICH IS MINE TO *USE*--AND TO *BESTOW*--

--I KNOW THAT YOU TRULY *ARE* A *MONK WITHOUT FEAR!*

MY BROTHERS AND I CONSIDER YOU *WORTHY* OF OUR MAGICK! IF YOU CHOOSE, YOU *MAY BECOME* A *GREEN LANTERN!*

WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE A PIECE OF *FURNITURE?*

EH? IS IT *POSSIBLE* YOUR PEACEFUL WORLD NEVER BEFORE REQUIRED A *VISIT* FROM THE GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 1014?

GREEN LANTERNS ARE *SENTIENT BEINGS* WHO STRIVE FOR *JUSTICE* IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SECTORS OF *SPACE,* YOUNG CH'P--

--AND HE WHO HAD CHARGE OF *THIS* SECTOR *DIED* YESTERDAY TRYING TO HOLD BACK THE *INVASION!*

ARE YOU SAYING-- YOU WANT ME TO *TAKE OVER--?*

I *WILL!*

"I LEARNED THOSE DETAILS *LATER,* OF COURSE! AS IT WAS, I THOUGHT I'D *REMOVED* THE GREEN LANTERN THREAT--

"--AND BY THE TIME I LEARNED MY *MISTAKE,* IT WAS *TOO LATE!*"

I USED TO CRACK *CASHEWS*-- NOW I CRACK *CRABSTERS!*

LEARN THIS *NOW,* GREEN LANTERN--

--DESTROYING MY *TROOPERS* IS NOT THE SAME AS DESTROYING *DOCTOR UBX!*

WHAT'S THE *DIFFERENCE,* DOC?

AUDACITY--

--AND NERVE!

WHOMP-O!

HE'S ONLY *STUNNED!* HIS CURSED *RING* AUTOMATICALLY *PROTECTS* HIM!

BUT I SWEAR BY THE HAIR OF MY *WHISKERS AND CHIN*-- I'LL *KILL HIM* BEFORE I'M *FINISHED!*

...I *KNEW* MY ENEMY WASN'T THE *MONK HIMSELF!* IT WAS THE *GREEN POWER* HE WIELDED!

I WAS DETERMINED TO LEARN THE DETAILS OF HIS *ORIGIN*--THE DETAILS I JUST *RELATED*--

--IN ORDER TO STRIKE AT THOSE WHO *BACKED* HIM!

"TO THAT END, I *ENGAGED* HIM FROM TIME TO TIME--

"--TESTING HIS *RING* AND HIS ABILITY TO *USE IT!*"

THE RING, OF COURSE, WAS *FABULOUS*--AND HE HAD A CERTAIN UNDENIABLE *SKILL* WITH IT--BUT HE REMAINED A *SIMPLE FOREST CREATURE* FOR *ALL* THAT!

HE WASN'T DEVIOUS AT *HEART*--

"--SO EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK *TEN EXALS*, I FERRETED OUT THE *TREE*--

"--HE USED TO SWITCH TO HIS *SECRET IDENTITY*!

"I LEARNED OF THE *LIFE* HE LED WHEN HE WASN'T BEDEVILING *ME*!"

M'NN'E! HI! I DIDN'T *SNIFF* YOU THERE!

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING *EVERYWHERE* FOR YOU, CH'P!

CH'P!

SOMETHING *UP*, FUZZYPUSS?

Tee hee! I'LL BET YOU FORGOT OUR *DATE*!

THEN YOU CAN CRACK A NUT WITH *ME*, SWEET M'NN'E! I, *GREEN LANTERN*, HAVE FLOWN THROUGH A *BRAMBERRY PATCH* TO BE BY YOUR SI--

THAT'S NOT GL!

NO--IT'S *D'LL*, DRESSED IN A *FAKE* GL-SUIT!

--DUH!

BLIP-O!

WELL, *GOSH*--I WAS JUST HOPING I COULD *IMPRESS* YOU, M'NN'E!

SORRY, D'LL--IT'S YOUR *FRIEND* I'M INTERESTED IN!

BESIDES, I THINK *HE* MIGHT BE GL!

WH-WHAT A *SILLY IDEA*!

HEH HEH HEH!

"THAT NIGHT I *KIDNAPPED* THE MINCING M'NN'E--

"--AND CONDUCTED HER TO MY *BURROW* BENEATH THE *BRIAR-PATCH*--

"--WHERE I DUNKED HER IN A POT OF *PLUPER-HOLLEN HONEY*--

"--AND INVITED THE *TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE B'GUL BEARS* TO--*heh heh*--*LOOK IN* ON HER!

"THEN--"

ATTENTION, GREEN LANTERN! FOLLOW THIS TRANSMISSION TO ITS *SOURCE* OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE A CERTAIN *SWEET SOMEONE* AGAIN!

"IN SCARCELY MORE TIME THAN IT TOOK HIM TO *CHANGE HIS CLOTHES*--"

WHAPPO!

HERE'S THE *PREDICAMENT*, DO-GOODER! YOU CAN'T GET AT THE *BEARS* INSIDE THEIR *BUBBLE*--

--BUT *THEY'LL* GET AT *M'NN'E* IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP YOUR *RING!*

YOU *SON OF A PREDATOR*, UB'X! I'VE NEVER KNOWN *ANY-ONE* CRUELER THAN *YOU!*

I'D TREASURE THE *TESTIMONIAL*, GREEN LANTERN, BUT FROM *THIS DAY* ON YOU'LL BE A *HAS-BEEN*, SO NO ONE WILL *CARE* WHAT *YOU* HAVE TO SAY!

GIVE ME THE RING!

GREEN LANTERN--*NO!* YOU CAN'T SACRIFICE YOUR *MAGICK* FOR...*ME!*

I *CAN*-- AND I *WILL*, M'NN'E!

I MAY BE *GREEN LANTERN*--BUT I'M ALSO A *MONK!*

THAT'S RIGHT--!

AND NOW THAT THE RING RESIDES IN THE *STASIS CENTREX*, IT IS *IMPOSSIBLE* FOR YOU TO *USE* IT! SO--

WHAT THE BLUE BLAZES?!!

BUT *HOW*--? EVERYTHING I'VE *LEARNED* INDICATED YOU *COULDN'T* CONTROL YOUR RING NOW!

AND YOU WERE *RIGHT*--BUT WHEN I *DID* CONTROL IT, BEFORE I *FLEW IN HERE*, I ORDERED IT TO *WAIT* FIVE FLANNERS--THEN DO *THIS!*

IT'S A *NUTCRACKER*, UB'X--

--AND *YOU'RE* THE *CASHEW IN QUESTION!*

THIS ENERGY *REMAINS* UNDER MY CONTROL, DOC--SO LET M'NN'E GO OR I'LL TURN YOU TO *UB'X BUTTER!*

I'LL...DO IT, GREEN LANTERN! BUT MAY YOUR *TAIL* END UP AS A *BERRITH BROOM!*

CAN I QUOTE *YOU* WHEN I WRITE *MY* MEMOIRS?

NOW, THEN--*FIRST THINGS FIRST!*

WISH I COULD SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HOW *SWEET* SHE IS EVEN *WITHOUT* THE HONEY--!

THANK YOU, GREEN LANTERN! YOU REMIND ME SO MUCH OF...MY GOOD FRIEND, *CH'P!*

THE NUTCRACKER WILL *DISSIPATE* IN ANOTHER *TWELVE TWIGGERS*--BUT YOU'VE REALLY GONE *TOO FAR* THIS TIME, UB'X!

WE DON'T *BELIEVE* IN *CAGES* ON H'LVEN, BUT YOU'LL GET *NO MERCY* THE *NEXT TIME* WE MEET!

I WAS, OF COURSE, *UNFAZED* BY HIS PUERILE THREATS--

M'NN'E--!

M'NN'E-- AND D'LL--!

IS HE *WAKING UP?*

NOT AT *ALL!* HE'S ONLY HAVING A *DREAM*--A *BAD* DREAM!

I *TOLD* YOU, I CONTROL HIM *ABSOLUTELY* NOW--

"--AND IT ALL STEMS FROM THAT *FINAL FAILURE!*

"I SAW THAT I *COULDN'T* COUNTER THE GREEN POWER WITHOUT POWER TO *MATCH IT*--

"--SO I RETREATED TO MY BUNKER ON *BEAVER ISLAND*--

"--ORDERED *CHICK FURY* AND HIS *EAGLE SCOUTS* INTO THE AIR--

"--BATTLE BEAVER AND HIS BOYS ONTO THE *PERIMETER*--

"--AND THE *MOLE PATROL* TO THE TUNNELS *BENEATH* IT--

"--ALL TO ASSURE THAT I WOULD NOT BE *DISTURBED* AS I THREW MYSELF INTO THE SEARCH FOR THE *ANSWER!*

"*FOUR SOLID EXALS* I WORKED, WHILE H'LVEN SAW ME *NO MORE! SCIENCE* WAS PRESSED TO *NEW LIMITS*--AND WHEN IT FAILED TO YIELD THE ANSWER, I TURNED TO SILKEN *SORCERY!*

"*AND ONE DARK AND STORMY NIGHT*, AS THE SMELL OF *PEAT MOSS* FILLED THE AIR--"

THE *SUCKER STICK* IS *COMPLETE!*

THE POWER OF MY *WILL* HAS TAKEN FORM AT *LAST!*

"AND IN THAT *INSTANT*--

"...I KNEW ALL ABOUT THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE AND THEIR GREEN LANTERN CORPS!

"AND IN THAT INSTANT--

"...I KNEW THAT I WAS THE ONLY SENTIENT IN THE MULTIVERSE WHO HAD EVER ACHIEVED THAT!

"AND IN THAT INSTANT--

"...I KNEW THAT THE CRISIS WAS UPON US!!

"I BARELY HAD TIME TO TURN MY WILL UPON MYSELF--

"--BEFORE THE REALITY AROUND ME VANISHED UTTERLY--

"--AND A FORCE BEYOND EVEN MY COMPREHENSION TRIED TO WIPE ME FROM THE FACE OF ALL EXISTENCE!

"BUT I HELD MY STICK, AND I HELD OUT--AND IN THAT INSTANT--

"--I, ALONE IN ALL THE MULTIVERSE, RETAINED MY EXISTENCE WHEN ALL ABOUT ME WERE LOSING THEIRS!

"AND IN THE *NEXT* INSTANT--I FOUND MYSELF IN THE *NEW UNIVERSE*--THE IMPOSSIBLY VAST *POST-CRISIS CONFIGURATION*--

"--AS A FIERCELY GLOWING NEXUS OF *RAW FORCE*, REFLECTING MY *INDOMITABLE WILL!*

"IT TOOK *TIME* FOR ME TO *STABILIZE*-- TO BE CERTAIN I REALLY *WAS ALIVE*, AND NOT *DREAMING*--

"--BUT ONCE I *ACCOMPLISHED* THAT, I HOMED IN ON MY *ETERNAL NEMESIS!*"

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, CH'P? YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GOING TO EARTH!

WELL, SO DID *YOU*, PICKLEHEAD!

"*EARTH!*

"AS *PURE ENERGY*, IT WAS *PUP'S-PLAY* TO TRANSFER MY ESSENCE TO EARTH *AHEAD* OF HIM!

"THERE, I SCANNED THE BRAIN-WAVES OF THE *INHABITANTS* AND FOUND A CRIMINAL WHO HAD *PARTICIPATED* IN THE CRISIS--

"--DOCTOR *POLARIS!*

"I TRIED TO ATTRACT HIS *ATTENTION*, BUT AS PURE ENERGY, I COULD *NOT*--

"--SO I CREATED AN *EARTH-FORM* BASED ON *HIS* FORM, AND APPEARED AS *POLESTAR!*

"*DESPITE* WHAT HE WOULD SAY IF HE WERE *CONSCIOUS* NOW, HE WAS *DUMBFOUNDED!*

"IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO *HOLD MYSELF TOGETHER* IN THIS STRANGE NEW REALITY! *SPEECH* AT THAT POINT WAS *BEYOND* ME--

"--BUT I LABORIOUSLY WORKED THE OVERLONG HUMANOID MUSCULATURE TO *WRITE* MY STORY FOR POLARIS--

"--HAVING LEARNED *ENGLISH* WHEN I *IMITATED* HIM--

"--AND HE AGREED TO WORK WITH ME ON OUR COMMON GOAL OF RIDDING THIS WORLD OF GREEN LANTERNS!

"IT WAS NOT AN *EASY TASK* STABILIZING THE POLESTAR FORM! AS YOU GORILLAS KNOW *WELL*, MERE MOMENTS AFTER WE ESCAPED THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS*--

"--I *BLEW APART!*

"BUT I SUBSEQUENTLY CREATED A MORE *ADVENTUROUS* EARTH-FORM--

"--A FORM PROJECTING MORE OF THE *BRUTE STRENGTH* YOUR EVOLUTION HAS PROVIDED YOU--

"--THE STILL-UNSPEAKING *TRUK!*

"WHEN HE, *TOO*, EXPLODED, I EXPERIMENTED WITH A *FEMALE* FORM--*MALIGNON!*

"AND AFTER SUCCEEDING *THERE*, I WAS *FINALLY* READY TO RESUME MY *NORMAL* FORM!"

AFTER THAT, I SIMPLY USED THE *SUCKER STICK* AGAINST THE GREEN LANTERN AS I'D INTENDED ALL ALONG--AND YOU SEE THE *RESULT!*

THAT'S *EXTREMELY IMPRESSIVE*, DOCTOR! BUT PERHAPS THERE HAS BEEN A *MISUNDERSTANDING!*

I *DOUBT* IT!

YOU SAID YOU PLANNED TO *RULE*-- AND I ASSUMED YOU SPOKE OF *H'LVEN!* BUT IF H'LVEN IS *DESTROYED*--!

Uh-- BOSS--!

I *WOULDN'T* WANT TO THINK YOU INTENDED TO RULE *EARTH!*

THE *H'LVEN* CH'P AND I *LIVED ON* WAS DESTROYED, BUT THERE IS *ANOTHER* ONE THERE! I WILL RULE *IT*, SONAR--

--*AND* I'LL RULE YOUR WORLD!

NO!

PROUD *MODORA* WILL NEVER FALL TO *ANY* CONQUEROR!

YOU ARE NOT THE *ONLY ONE* WHO HAS HONED HIS POWER AGAINST A GREEN LANTERN!

YOU *CAN* BE BEATEN, DOCTOR!

BLOK!

ANYONE CAN BE BEATEN!

BEATEN-- AND *DISPOSED OF!*

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

DOCTOR UB'X HOLDS *ULTIMATE POWER!* EVEN IF THE *GUARDIANS* HAD REMAINED IN THIS UNIVERSE, I WOULD HOLD *ULTIMATE POWER!*

I'M CONVINCED!

YEAH-- WHAT HE *SAID--!*

WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO *DO*, DOCTOR?

STAND BACK--FOR NOW THAT WE ALL *UNDERSTAND* EACH OTHER, I'M GOING TO *COMPLETE* MY PLAN OF KILLING THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS--

--AND THE POWER *REQUIRED* WILL SURPASS *ANYTHING* YOU'VE YET *SEEN!*

AND *YOU*, CH'P--YOU WILL BE THE *FIRST* TO DIE--

--AT *LAST!*

M'NN'E--IT'S ME!

DON'T YOU KNOW ME?

STILL *DREAMING*--!

WHERE'S THE M'NN'E I *KNOW*! WHERE'S *D'LL*?

GONE-- ALL GONE--!

H'LVEN'S GONE-- ALL MY *SECTOR*! EVERYTHING--*GONE*!

I'M *ALL ALONE* ON A WORLD OF *BIGGIES*!

Eh?

ALONE--AND *DIFFERENT* FROM EVERYONE ELSE--IN THE *UNIVERSE*--!

THIS GREEN LANTERN... HAS SEEN THE END OF OUR UNIVERSE!

I *AVOIDED* THAT FATE! I SLIPPED *OUTSIDE* THE HOLOCAUST--

--AND I'VE FOUGHT *EVERY MOMENT SINCE* TO REACH *THIS* MOMENT--

--MY LONG-AWAITED MOMENT OF *TRIUMPH*!

BUT--

--THERE'S NO *OTHER REMNANT* OF MY LIFE BEFORE THIS MOMENT-- EXCEPT *HIM*!

IF I *KILL* HIM--

--I'LL BE *ALONE*--!

AND IN THIS INSTANT--GREEN LANTERN'S EYES POP OPEN!

IN FACT--ALL THE GREEN LANTERNS' EYES POP OPEN!

NO!!

MY POWER STEMS FROM MY *WILL POWER*-- IT *WAVERED* FOR A MOMENT--

--BUT NOW YOU'LL ALL *LIE DOWN* AGAIN!

KRAK-O!

OH, *JEEZ*-- HE'S *LOST* IT!

IT *CAN'T* BE! I'VE LOST *CONTROL!*

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO *ANSWER* FOR, UB'X!

STOP! HAL--JOHN--HE'S MINE!

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN MINE!

OKAY, CH'P!

WE'LL PLAY BACKUP!

I'M GONNA WRAP YOUR TAIL AROUND YOUR EARS, UB'X!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID WHAT YOU DID TO ME AND MY FRIENDS--

--BUT AS I TOLD YOU LAST TIME, YOU'LL GET NO MERCY ANYMORE!

I CAN'T KILL HIM--AND BECAUSE I CAN'T, MY POWER'S DISSIPATING!

YOU CAN SCRAM, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE, UB'X!

YOU DON'T SCARE ME BY FLASHING THAT LIGHTNING AROUND YOU!

IT'S NOT LIGHTNING, LANTERN!

DAMN YOUR EYES AND WHISKERS! I'VE LOST CONTROL OF THE POWER THAT KEPT ME ALIVE THROUGH THE CRISIS!

IT SEEMS I'M TO DIE, AFTER ALL!

DIE?

BUT--I THOUGHT NOBODY BUT ME WAS LEFT FROM THE OLD H'LVEN!

IF YOU DIE--

GOOD-BYE, LANTERN--!

OH, NO! YOU DON'T GET OFF *THAT* EASY!

COME BACK HERE, UB'X!

COME BACK--!

YOU--YOU'RE *SAVING* ME--!

YOU--

COME BACK--

THE SUN'S TOO BRIGHT ON THIS STUPID PLANET!

IT MAKES MY EYES WATER...!

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FACES ITS DEADLIEST ENEMY...

...THE MAN IN THE IRON LUNG!

young and innocent

GEE, HAL, I WAS HOPING YOU'D CARE FOR ME *SOMEDAY*--

--BUT THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I *MEANT!*

QUIET, PLEASE, ARISIA!

HOW *IS* SHE, KILOWOG? HUH? *HOW?*

IN THE CITADEL OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS...

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DO YOU HAVE TO TURN *EVERYTHING* INTO A *JOKE*, ARISIA? THIS COULD BE *SERIOUS!*

"WHEN YOU WERE FIGHTING *WHITEOUT*-- AND HE USED HIS STRANGE POWER TO MAKE PART OF YOUR *BODY VANISH*--

"--YOU *PANICKED!*"

THE *PRIME REQUIREMENT* FOR BEING A GREEN LANTERN IS LACK OF *FEAR*...!

AW, *LIGHTEN UP*, KATMA TUI! IT WAS SOME FREAK *ONE-OF-A-KIND THING!*

I'M *FINE!*

BUT WHEN YOU AND I--

OH, *NO!* I PROMISED HER I WOULD NOT *REVEAL* HER EARLIER DIZZINESS--!

WHEN YOU AND SHE *WHAT*, KAT-LADY?

WHY--WHEN SHE AND I-- UMM--

--FOUGHT AGAINST *GUY GARDNER*, SHE WAS *INSPIRATIONAL!*

SHE'S *LYING!* SHE'S *NO GOOD* AT IT--

"--BUT SHE'S *LYING!*" THINKS JOHN STEWART! "THERE *IS* SOMETHING WRONG WITH ARISIA!"

AND THEN KILOWOG LOOKS UP FROM HIS RING-GENERATED MEDICAL MACHINE--

SHE'S ABSOLUTELY THE *PICTURE OF HEALTH*, GLs! PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY-- JUST *GREAT!*

SEE? I *TOLD* YOU!

OUR WORRIES WERE PERFECTLY JUSTIFIED, HOWEVER!

I *LOVE* TO WATCH A BIG GUY LIKE KILOWOG WHIP UP THESE *INTRICATE DEVICES*--

--BUT HOW ABOUT WE GET ON WITH *SERIOUS* BUSINESS?

HONEY--

--LET'S HAVE A LITTLE *PRIVATE TALK*--!

YOU'VE SAID *OFTEN ENOUGH* YOU RESPECT MY *EXPERIENCE*--!

THAT'S NOT AT *ALL* WHAT I SAID, HAL!

LISTEN TO ME NOW! KILOWOG'S MACHINES ARE *GREAT*, BUT YOU'RE *ALIEN* TO HIM-- HE COULD HAVE *MISSED SOMETHING*!

YOU'VE *GOT* TO KEEP AN *EYE* ON YOURSELF-- *TELL US* IF ANYTHING *ELSE* HAPPENS!

AND *ONE MORE THING*, YOUNG LADY-- YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THIS *FLIRTING* WITH ME!

BUT--

ARISIA, YOU'RE *HALF MY AGE*!

NO, I'M NOT, HAL!

NO--!

I'M *FOURTEEN* BY *EARTH STANDARDS*, BUT *GRAXOS IV* CIRCLES ITS SUN *TWICE AS OFTEN* AS EARTH! THAT MAKES ME *TWENTY-EIGHT*, REALLY!

DON'T BE *SILLY*! YOUR PLANET COULD HAVE CIRCLED ITS SUN A *HUNDRED TIMES*--!

YOU'RE *STILL* A *TEENAGER* IN *MY* EYES-- AND I *DON'T DATE TEENAGERS*!

HONEY, YOU HAVE A *WHOLE NEW WORLD HERE*! THERE ARE *MILLIONS* OF BOYS *YOUR AGE*--!

BOYS--?

OH, HAL--!

I *DON'T WANT BOYS*!

ARISIA! I DIDN'T WANT TO *HURT* YOU--!

MEANWHILE -- SOMEWHERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY --

WHAT A MOVIE, "WESTWORLD!"

BREW

GIMME ANOTHER BEER, BARNEY!

YUL BRYNNER, BOY! SURE REMINDS ME OF MY OLD BOSS --!

THAT DIRTY SCUM! HE --

HELLO, FRIEDRICH --!

B-B-BARON! I DIDN'T MEAN --

MY GOD, MARK -- HE ISN'T HUMAN --!

ARISIA -- WILL BE BACK *SHORTLY!*

AND MEANTIME, SHE WAS *RIGHT--!*

IT'S TIME WE GOT ON WITH OUR *BUSINESS* -- LIKE ANNOUNCING OUR *EXISTENCE* TO THE *WORLD!*

I'LL BUY *THAT!* WE *BUILT* THIS CITADEL SO PEOPLE COULD FIND THE *PUBLIC* GLs -- ME AND KAT--SALAKK AND KILOWOG--!

THERE ARE *SEVEN* OF US-- AND EARTH HAS *SEVEN CONTINENTS!* WHEN *ARISIA* RETURNS-- WHY NOT DIVIDE THE WORK *ACCORDINGLY?*

BUT, UH-- IF WE *ALL* LEAVE--

--THAT LEAVES *DOCTOR UB'X* HERE BY *HIMSELF!*

DON'T WORRY, BIGGIE -- HE AND I HAVE *TALKED* ABOUT OUR *FUTURES!*

YOU SEE, WE'RE ALL *MAMMALS--*

HOW *DARE* YOU CALL ME THAT?

WELL, *MOST* OF US ARE, LANTERN-- AND WHEN I WAS SCANNING MINDS TO FIND *DR. POLARIS*, I LEARNED THAT *MAMMALIAN EVOLUTION* BEGAN IN *AFRICA* --

--SO I'M *TAKING* HIM THERE TO WORK ON EVOLVING *OUR KIND* TO *OUR LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE!*

I DEVOTED MY *LIFE* TO HATING CH'P -- BUT THAT LIFE IS *LOST FOREVER!*

I *SWEAR* MY ONLY GOAL IN *THIS* LIFE IS KEEPING CH'P AND MYSELF FROM BEING *ALONE!*

YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU'LL HAVE TO *PROVE* THAT TO US --!

THAT'S OKAY, DOC! WE *ALL* HAVE SOMETHING TO PROVE-- IT *SEEMS--!*

AND SO, THE TIME FOR **SETTING UP SHOP** HAS COME TO AN END! THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAS **COME** TO EARTH--

--AND NOW IT **GOES** TO THE EARTH!

TO THE PLANT-GREEN MASS OF **SOUTH AMERICA**--

¡GENTE DEL MUNDO--SALUDOS!

<PEOPLE OF THE WORLD--GREETINGS!>

TO THE WORN GRAYS OF **EUROPE**--

ЗЕЛЁНЫЙ ФОНАРЬ ТЕБЕ!!

<THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS-->

TO THE SANDY PLAINS OF **AFRICA**--

<--ANNOUNCES ITS *EXISTENCE* AND OFFERS ITS *SERVICES!*>

TO THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS OF ASIA--

現在有我們七人在這裡

<THERE ARE NOW SEVEN OF US-->

TO THE MODERN HARBORS OF AUSTRALIA--

--ALL SWORN TO PROTECT THIS WORLD AND ALL ITS PEOPLES!

TO THE STORMY WASTELANDS OF ANTARCTICA--

WE'RE HERE AT THE SPOT WHERE THE ARK SHIP CRASHED!

TO THE GOLDEN GLITZ OF NORTH AMERICA--

JUST FOLLOW THE GREEN ROAD TO ENGINAL CANYON!

IT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED...

YOU THREW ME OUT, BLAKE, BUT NOW I'LL HAVE MY SWEET REVENGE! YOUR EMPIRE, YOUR GOOD NAME--I'LL TAKE IT ALL NOW!

YOU DISGUST ME, ALEXIS! AND YOU'LL NEVER--

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A BULLETIN!

DAMN!

REPORTS FROM ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE INDICATE A MAJOR CHANGE HAS OCCURRED IN REGARD TO THE GREEN LANTERNS!

WHAT? WHAT CHANGE?

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE ORIGINAL GREEN LANTERN WAS REPLACED BY ONE, OR POSSIBLY TWO MEN-- AND A WOMAN WITH BRIGHT RED SKIN!

NOW IT APPEARS SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE LAID CLAIM TO THE TITLE!

A REPORT NOW FROM TAWNY YOUNG IN LOS ANGELES--!

PETER, THE MESSAGES APPEARED OVER EVERY POPULATED AREA OF THE GLOBE--

--ALL STATING THAT THIS EXPANDED CORPS OF GREEN LANTERNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF A GREEN ROAD IN THIS CITY!

WE'RE PREPARING NOW TO FIND THAT ROAD, AND WILL INFORM YOU JUST AS SOON AS WE DO!

THANK YOU, TAWNY! AND NOW TO CRAIG BERMAN IN MOSCOW--!

PETER, THIS NORMALLY SUBDUED CITY HAS BEEN GALVANIZED BY THE MESSAGE! THUS FAR, THE KREMLIN HAS SAID NOTHING--

AN OMEN! AN OMEN IN VERY TRUTH!

PARALYZED LIKE THIS, I WAS VULNERABLE TO ANY LITTLE MALCONTENT WITH A GRIEVANCE-- BUT NOW THAT I'VE ELIMINATED THE LAST OF MY HUMAN ATTENDANTS, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE I LIE--

--SO THE TIME HAS COME TO FACE THE GREEN POWER ONCE MORE!

YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, BARON TYRANO!

AM I NOT CORRECT, ALEXIS?

THIRTY-SEVEN MINUTES **LATER**, ABC IS ON THE AIR **LIVE**, BEATING NBC BY **THREE**!

KNY

--THE GREEN ROAD RUNS UP THROUGH ***BEAUTIFUL TREES***, PETER--UP TOWARD THE ***CLEAR BLUE SKY***!

AT ***NIGHT*** THAT SKY MUST ESCAPE THE LIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES--

--AND LOOK STRAIGHT OUT INTO ***STAR-SPANGLED SPACE***! A ***FITTING*** LOCALE, THEN, FOR A CORPS OF ***GREEN LANTERNS***!

THE ***HEADQUARTERS*** HERE LOOKS BOTH FUNCTIONAL AND, WELL...

HELLO, TAWNY!

YOU WORK ***FAST***!

AND ***YOU***--

--***JOHN STEWART***, THE ***SECOND*** GREEN LANTERN, PETER--THE SECOND THAT WE ***KNEW OF***--

--YOU HAVE ***SIX COLLEAGUES*** NOW?

JUST A ***SECOND***, TAWNY--I JUST FLEW IN FROM ***EVERY MAJOR CITY IN NORTH AMERICA***--

--AND, BOY, IS MY ***RING TIRED***!

LISTEN, I'LL SHOW YOU ***AROUND***--***JUST*** YOU--

WAIT! I'M LUCY BATES, CNN--!

SORRY, LUCY--TAWNY WAS ***FIRST*** AND WE DON'T WANT A ***CROWD*** TRAIPSING THROUGH!

BUT OF COURSE, THIS REPORT WILL BE FOR ***ALL*** OF YOU, AS A ***POOL***--!

OH, UH--SURE! NATURALLY, THIS STORY IS FOR--EVERYBODY!

SO, GREEN LANTERN--WHERE DID YOU LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT THE ***MEDIA***?

I WATCH ***TV***!

HERE'S THE *STORY*, TAWNY--UNLIKE *OTHER* HEROES ON EARTH, A *GREEN LANTERN* IS, AND *HAS BEEN* FOR A *LONG TIME*, A PART OF A *LARGER* ENTITY--

--*THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS!*

WE WERE *GIVEN* OUR RINGS AND PLEDGED TO WORK FOR *JUSTICE* IN OUR SECTOR OF THE *UNIVERSE!*

YOU MEAN--YOU'RE A *SOLDIER*--

--A SOLDIER OF *SPACE?*

"SOLDIER" IS TOO *STRONG*, MISS YOUNG! I WOULD CALL US A GROUP OF *INDIVIDUALS* WHO HAPPEN TO POSSESS *THREE TRAITS*--

--*FEARLESSNESS*, THE LOVE OF *JUSTICE*, AND THE CONFIDENCE OF THOSE WHO *CREATE* THE GREEN LIGHT!

KAT!

TAWNY, THIS IS *KATMA TUI*--EARTH'S *THIRD* GREEN LANTERN--IF YOU'RE COUNTING!

THE ONE I MET IN JOHN'S *APARTMENT!*

MISS TUI--I NOTICE YOUR SKIN IS *RED!*

YES--I COME FROM THE PLANET *KORUGAR!*

THEN--YOU REALLY *ARE* FROM OUTER SPACE--?

YES!

SHE WAS JOHN'S *WOMAN*, BEFORE *ME!*

BUT HERE'S ONE WHO WAS *BORN AND BRED* ON EARTH, TAWNY--

--MY *PREDECESSOR* AND NOW *PARTNER*--THE *ORIGINAL* GREEN LANTERN!

WHA-?!

A *FAKE* INGENUE!

HEAVENS, THIS *IS* A SURPRISE!

GREEN LANTERN, WHERE HAVE YOU *BEEN?* YOU *VANISHED* WITHOUT A *WORD*--JOHN STEWART *REPLACED* YOU!

WHAT *HAPPENED?*

IT'S A *PERSONAL* MATTER, TAWNY--NOT AT ALL RELATED TO THE *CHANGES* WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE!

BUT--HOW DOES IT *FEEL*, BEING *REPLACED?*

WELL, *ACTUALLY*--I TOOK SOME *TIME OFF* AFTER MY YEARS OF PACKING THE RING--JOHN *DID* FILL MY SLOT--

--BUT WHEN I WAS READY TO *COME BACK*, A *NEW* SLOT WAS CREATED! SO I DON'T REALLY *FEEL* REPLACED!

THIS ISN'T *ME* OR *JOHN* WITH *SIX SIDEKICKS*, YOU KNOW! ALL GREEN LANTERNS ARE *EQUAL*--IT'S THE WAY WE WERE *TRAINED*!

I'VE WORKED WITH *MOST* OF THESE LANTERNS *BEFORE*--

--IT'S JUST THAT IT TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE *OTHER* THAN *EARTH*!

SO, IN EFFECT, I JUST MOVED MY FRIENDS *CLOSER*!

BUT *WHY*?

AGAIN...WE WANTED A *CHANGE*! IT'S NOT REALLY SOMETHING I CAN GO *INTO*!

I UNDERSTAND--TO YOU THIS IS *COMMONPLACE*--

--BUT THIS *WOMAN* FROM THE PLANET *KORUGAR*--!

WE DON'T *HAVE* A LOT OF *ALIENS* ON EARTH...

THEN WHAT ARE *WE*? *HI! KILOWOG*, O' BOLOVAX VIK!

AND I, IF YOU MUST KNOW, AM SALAKK OF SLYGGIA, IN WHAT ONCE WAS SECTOR 1418!

UH!

SORRY--YOU *STARTLED* ME--!

SO *TELL* ME--SALAKK--

--WHAT DOES THIS *"INVASION"* MEAN...TO *HUMANS*?

IT'S NOT EASY ON *US EITHER, MAMMAL!*

DID YOU CALL ME -- A *MAMMAL?*

HE'S TRYIN' TA *HIGH-HAT* YA, BUT DON'T PAY NO *ATTENTION!*

HELLO, EVERYBODY!

YOUR *EARS* -- LIKE AN *ELF* --!

IT'S ALL *EVOLUTION*, BIG CUTIE! I'D HAVE TO *TELL YOU, YOUR* EARS LOOK SORT OF *SCRUNCHED* UP, TO *ME!*

A -- A *BEAVER!*

FIVE OF YOU -- FROM *OTHER WORLDS* --!

FIVE *ALIENS* -- EACH WITH *ALL THE POWER* OF A *GREEN LANTERN!*

I'VE GOT THE STORY OF MY *CAREER* HERE!

FIVE ALIENS -- AMONG US!

MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET MALTUS --

-- GUY GARDNER --

HOORAH FOR THE ALIEN GREEN LANTERN!

HE'S SAVED US ONCE AGAIN!

SURE! THE WAY A MULE SAVES ITS RIDER!

I GO FETCH YOUR WATER FROM A PLANET THAT'S GOT EXTRA--CART IT THROUGH SPACE--AND MELT IT!

AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN--!

I SEE YOUR BROW IS FURROWED, GUY--BUT YOU'RE DOING QUITE WELL!

OH, BE STILL, MY HEART!

WILL YOU NEVER UNDERSTAND, GREEN LANTERN--YOU MUST WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE WHOLE?

AND WILL YOU NEVER UNDERSTAND, APPA, THAT I WAS A VEGETABLE FOR YEARS?

I NEED TO BE MY OWN BOSS NOW--

--NOT WORK FOR YOU OR THE MALTUSIANS--OR THE DAMN "WHOLE"!

WELL, WORKING FOR ALL OF THOSE IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR YOUR RING!

YOU'LL LEARN!

LIKE HELL, OLD MAN! I'VE GOT TO GET FREE OF THIS SOON, NO MATTER WHAT IT COSTS ME--

--BUT I WOULDN'T BE GUY GARDNER IF I LET IT COST ME MUCH!

PARALYZED-- FROM THE NECK DOWN!

FORCED TO BECOME A SPECTATOR IN THE GAME OF LIFE!

BUT BARON TYRANO CAN NEVER BE BEATEN-- NOT EVEN BY HIS OWN BODY!

I LIE IMPRISONED IN AN IRON LUNG, BUT ALL MY STRENGTH--ALL MY FORCE OF WILL-- LIVES ON IN MY BRILLIANT BRAIN!

THROUGH FORCE OF WILL--

--I LED MY LIVING MINIONS TO BUILD A MACHINE FOR CREATING REPLICAS!

YEARS AGO, I CREATED A REPLICA OF HAL JORDAN'S GREEN LANTERN PERSONA, AND ALMOST EXCHANGED THAT BODY FOR MY OWN!

HAVING LOST THAT BATTLE, HOWEVER, I SET OUT TO WIN THE WAR!

I HAD MY SERVANTS REBUILD MY MACHINE--

--AND THEN REPLACED THEM ALL WITH REPLICAS OF MY FRIENDS FROM TELEVISION, OPERATED ENTIRELY BY MY WILL!

NOW I TRULY RULE THIS BARONY ABSOLUTELY--

--AND NOW, WITH ONE SILENT PULSE OF MENTAL ENERGY--

--I AM PREPARED TO RETURN TO THE FIELD OF BATTLE!

SEVEN *GREEN LANTERNS* REQUIRE SEVEN *BARON TYRANOS*--

--SEVEN REPLICAS OF *MYSELF*, AS I AM IN MY *MIND!*

AND WITH THE LANTERNS *WEARY* AND *DISTRACTED* FROM THEIR *MEDIA BLITZ*--

--THIS IS THE MOMENT TO *STRIKE!*

--A *MISTAKE*, KATMA?

POSSIBLY *SO!* WE DID NOT FULLY ANTICIPATE THE *EFFECT* OF OUR REVELATIONS ON THOSE WE WISH TO *SERVE!*

AND THAT *REPORTER* SURE TOOK EVERYTHING THE *WRONG WAY!* SHE --

KRASSSH

BARON TYRANO!

AT LAST, WE *MEET AGAIN!*

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR *DIALOGUE? TV?*

TELEVISION HAS SHOWN ME *MUCH*-- ESPECIALLY CONCERNING *MURDER!*

I KNOW THIS IS A CREATION OF HIS *MIND*--BUT IT'S *STILL SOLID!*

FOW

-- BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING THE *SAME WAY* AGAINST *HIM!*

LANTERNS-- HE SPLIT ME INTO MY *COMPONENTS* LAST TIME, AND HITTING *ONE OF ME* HURT THE *OTHER ONE*--

PUNCHING *ONE* BARON DOESN'T AFFECT ANY *OTHER!*

JUST WHAT I *WANTED* YOU TO THINK, ANCIENT FOE!

I LIKED IT *BETTER* WHEN I WAS FIGHTING SOMEBODY I *KNEW*, SALAKK!

OH, *YES!* FACING MY OLD ENEMIES FROM *1418*--

--WOULD BE THE *HEIGHT* OF *ECSTASY!*

GOOD *SHOT*, BARON!

THANK YOU, BARON!

JOHN!

THIS IS THE *THIRD* TIME IN *THREE FIGHTS* I'VE BEEN *HURT!*

I GOT *GOOD* AT THIS REAL *FAST*, BUT IT WON'T DO TO GET *OVERCONFIDENT!*

ONE THING ABOUT FIGHTIN' SO *MANY* POOZERS -- YA CAN'T HARDLY MISS HITTIN' *SOMEBODY!*

BUT I FEEL EVEN THE *MIGHTIEST* BLOW AT *ONE-SEVENTH* OF ITS STRENGTH, CREATURE--

--SO YOU ONLY DELAY THE *INEVITABLE!*

HAL -- OHMIGOSH, I MEAN "GREEN LANTERN"!--

FRIM! I'VE GOT TO SHOW HIM I'M HIS EQUAL --

DON'T WORRY, HONEY--THE BARON ALREADY KNOWS THAT SECRET!

--BUT HOW CAN I -- WHEN HE TAKES THE LEAD SO NATURALLY -- SO PROTECTIVELY?

HE IS THE GREATEST GREEN LANTERN OF US ALL!

GL -- THAT TREE! I'LL USE A--

--SAW--!

YOU REPLICANTS SEEM CLOSE TO INDESTRUCTIBLE UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, BARON --

--BUT PERHAPS THE CHILL OF SPACE WILL STOP YOU!

I WOULDN'T BET MONEY ON IT, KORUGARIAN!

TEMPERATURE AFFECTS A MENTAL CONSTRUCT--

--NO MORE THAN DO THE OCEAN DEPTHS!

"BUT AT LEAST *YOU* LANTERNS ARE MORE IMAGINATIVE THAN THE TWO WHO'VE ONLY ROLLED DOWN YOUR *GREEN MOUNTAIN ROAD!*"

GIVE UP, FREAK! THERE'S *NOTHING* YOU CAN DO TO *STOP ME!*

CAN HE BE *RIGHT?* MUH *KNUCKS'RE* BEGINNIN' TA *HURT!*

LOOK! IT'S THE *ALIEN GREEN LANTERNS!*

YUCK! LOOK AT THE *PURPLE* ONE!

I'M LOOKING-- AND I SEE THE BEGINNING OF A *NEW AGE*, AS EARTH BECOMES PART OF THE *COSMOS!*

WHAT ARE YOU, ON *DRUGS?*

"HE'S *HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE!*"

*YOU'RE ALWAYS BLATHERING ABOUT YOUR **GREAT WILL POWER**, KILOWOG -- SO MAKE THAT WALL AS SOLID AS YOU **CAN!***

KRAK

NOBODY'S EVER *WALKED AWAY* FROM MY WALLS *BEFORE*, SALAKK!

BUT NATURALLY, *THIS* TIME YOU *FAIL*, YOU--

WAIT! LOOK *HERE!*

THAT ONE HIT THE WALL-- BUT THEY *BOTH* HAVE THE *BRUISE!*

THAT MEANS -- THE ENERGY USED AGAINST ONE IS SIPHONED INTO THE OTHERS!

YEAH! SO WHAT WE GOTTA DO IS --

GREEN LANTERNS! SLUG YOUR BARON ON MY COUNT!

ONE -- TWO --

IT *WORKED!* WHEN ANY OF US HIT ANY OF THEM *ONE-ON-ONE*, THE ENERGY WAS SPLIT *SEVEN WAYS*--

--BUT WHEN SEVEN *FULL-FORCE LANTERN BLOWS* HIT THE BIGGIES *AT ONCE*, THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THE POWER TO *ESCAPE TO!*

MUGGLE AND TUGGLE! FOR ALL *I* KNOW, THE BLOWS MIGHT EVEN HAVE *REINFORCED* EACH OTHER, ADDING UP TO *MORE* THAN THE SUM OF THEIR PARTS!

IN ANY EVENT, THE REPLICANTS ARE *FADING AWAY*--!

"I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE *REAL* BIGGIE!"

EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! THE BARON HAS SLIPPED INTO *UNCONSCIOUSNESS! EMERGENCY!*

*BUT THE ATTENDANTS WHO **SURROUND** THE MAN IN THE IRON LUNG MAKE NO MOVE TO AID THEIR **MASTER**!*

*NO, THEY SIMPLY **FADE AWAY** LIKE THE **OTHER** REPLICANTS, WITHOUT THE BARON'S MENTAL ENERGY TO **DRIVE** THEM--*

EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!

*--AND THE MAN WHO DESTROYED THE **REAL** MEN AND WOMEN IN HIS LIFE, IN FAVOR OF HIS **TELEVISION FRIENDS**--*

*--FINDS THAT **EVERYTHING** GETS CANCELED **EVENTUALLY**...!*

LATER...

I TOLD YA *BEFORE*, JOHN-- *FIXIN' YA UP* IS GETTIN' TA BE A *HABIT!*

OH, WELL-- ONCE I WHIP UP ONE O' MY *MEDEXAMS* FOR SOMEBODY, IT AIN'T NO TROUBLE TA *RE-WHIP IT!*

CLIMB IN!

I GOT THROUGH *THIS* ONE *UNSCATHED*, KILOWOG, BUT IT'S PROBABLY A *GOOD IDEA* TO CREATE THESE FOR *ALL* OF US IN *ADVANCE*--

--JUST IN *CASE!*

POOH! ALWAYS *OVER-PROTECTIVE--!*

WELL, YA *KNOW*, ARISIA, I WAS A *GENETICS SCIENTIST* ON BOLOVAX VIK! I KNOW HOW *FRAGILE* BODIES LIKE *YOURS* ARE!

I THINK I *WILL* CHECK YA ALL!

OH...

ALL *RIGHT*, BUT THIS IS *REALLY UNNECESSARY!* I'M AS HEALTHY AS A *HOOLAHOCK!*

YEAH... YEAH...

IT'S LIKE I *THOUGHT*-- BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND *WHY!*

SHE'S GOTTEN *TALLER...!*

THIS IS *TAWNY YOUNG* IN *LOS ANGELES! ALIEN GREEN LANTERNS* TORE UP A *CITY BLOCK* THIS AFTERNOON...

I WONDER, LANTERNS--WHEN IT COMES TO THIS TALKING BOX, HAVE WE BEEN JUST A TRIFLE... INNOCENT...?

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YOU'RE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES!

YOU KNOW WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE-- WHERE THEY COME FROM, WHY THEY'RE HERE!

BUT IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU DON'T--THAT YOU LOOKED UP ONE EVENING AND FOUND A FORCE OF ~~FREAKISH~~ ALIENS WEARING GREEN LANTERN RINGS ANNOUNCING THEIR ARRIVAL ON EARTH!

IS THIS A SCENE OF FUN--

--OR FEAR?

BAD REPUTATION!

WELL! WHEN WE WENT PUBLIC, I NEVER EXPECTED THIS MUCH INTEREST!

I TOLD YOU, JOHN! WE WERE MUCH TOO INNOCENT!

SOUNDS FUNNY WHEN YOU SAY IT, SALAKK--

--BUT I'M WITH YOU!

GOOD MORNING! I'M JOHN STEWART, FROM NEW YORK, U.S.A.! YOU ALL KNOW ME, FROM WHEN I WENT PUBLIC A WHILE AGO!

I TOLD YOU THEN I HAD NOTHING TO HIDE-- AND THAT'S TRUE FOR EVERYBODY HERE!

JOHN--BEN AKAWA, NBC! ARE ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES ALIENS? EVEN THE RED-SKINNED WOMAN?

NOT ANY MORE, BEN! KATMA TUI COMES FROM KORUGAR, BUT HER HOME'S ON EARTH NOW!

SHE REMAINS A WOMAN, THOUGH! I KNOW, BECAUSE SHE'S MY WOMAN!

JOHN--!

SO IN TIME, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM OTHER PLANETS MAY GROW?

TAWNY YOUNG, ABC!

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, TAWNY! I GAVE YOU THE TOUR OF OUR CITADEL!

AND YOU USED TO HOPE YOU'D BE MY WOMAN!

IT'S TO YOU, I BELIEVE, THAT WE OWE THE BULK OF THIS... EXCESSIVE INTEREST IN MY FRIENDS!

YOU FLATTER ME, JOHN, BUT ALL I DO IS ASK QUESTIONS!

YOU WANT TO CHANGE "GREEN LANTERN" FROM ONE EARTHMAN TO A GROUP RUN PRIMARILY BY ALIENS!

EVERYBODY HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT!

I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER!

ARISIA? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

ANOTHER OF HER ATTACKS! MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY THEY COME--!

NESTOR RIOS, EUROPRENSA! WOULDN'T IT HELP IF THE ORIGINAL GREEN LANTERN WERE HERE?

IT MIGHT-- THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TO PROTECT EARTH NEED HELP--

--BUT THE ORIGINAL GREEN LANTERN IS A FREE INDIVIDUAL, LIKE EVERYONE IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS--

--AND HE HAS IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF HIS OWN TODAY!

THERE THEY *ARE*! I HOPE IT'S *GOING* OKAY!

BUT *HAL JORDAN'S* GOT A JOB AT *FERRIS AIRCRAFT*, AND FERRIS NEEDS THIS BABY FOR SOME *RETROFITTING*--

--SO *HAL JORDAN* GOT THE CALL TO FLY 'ER IN FROM *WRIGHT-PATTERSON!*

ANYWAY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MEDIA FRENZY WILL LAST MUCH LONGER--

THE NAME OF "*GREEN LANTERN*" HAS BEEN A *PROUD* ONE THROUGH ALL *MY* TENURE, *AND* JOHN'S--!

PEOPLE WILL TRUST US AGAIN!

HIYA, HAL! ANY *PROBLEMS?*

NOT *TODAY*, HARRY! NOT *TODAY!*

HUH! EVEN *TOM* AND *MR. SMITH* ARE WATCHING THE PRESS CONFERENCE!

YOU'D THINK A *HOT ENGINEER* AND THE *COMPANY PRESIDENT* WOULD HAVE *BUSINESS* TO ATTEND TO!

--AND THIS IS *KILOWOG*, OUR MEDICAL EXPERT!

HI!

LOOK AT THE *SIZE* OF HIM!

DAMNED *ALIENS!* I JUST DON'T LIKE THE *MYSTERY* SURROUNDING THEM!

BUT THEY SAID THERE HAVE *ALWAYS* BEEN ALIEN GREEN LANTERNS! WE JUST DIDN'T *KNOW IT!*

WHERE DID YOU THINK GREEN LANTERN GOT HIS *POWER?* FROM A *RADIO-ACTIVE SPIDER?*

LISTEN, YOU TWO, THIS *WHOLE SUBJECT* BOTHERS ME, SO LET'S *DROP IT.*

YOU'RE THE *BOSS--!*

BUT *WHY* DOES IT BOTHER YOU SO MUCH...?

I HAVE SOME *GOOD* NEWS, GENTLEMEN! THE ENGINES MR. KALMAKU DEVELOPED ARE *STILL* ON LINE FOR THE NEW *SPACE SHUTTLE--*

--BUT LAST EVENING I SIGNED A *SECOND* DEAL, TO DEVELOP A *HELICOPTER* FOR A GROUP CALLED *TASK FORCE X!*

THIS COMPANY IS *GOING PLACES* NOW, AFTER YEARS WHERE IT WAS SEEN AS *SOLID* BUT *UNSPECTACULAR!*

EVERYONE WHO *CONTRIBUTES* WILL SHARE THE *REWARDS,* BUT *ROMANTIC DAYDREAMS* ABOUT *GREEN E.T.'s* DON'T CONTRIBUTE *ANYTHING!*

WE'RE IN THE *DEFENSE* BUSINESS, GENTLEMEN! *REMEMBER* THAT!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A *CRACK* IN HIS *ICY SHELL--!*

YEAH! WONDER HOW WIDE IT WOULD GET IF HE KNEW HE'D BEEN TALKING TO A MAN WHO'S BEEN TO OVER *FIFTY OTHER WORLDS* ALL BY HIMSELF--!

I MUST ADMIT, HAL, I'M SORRY I'M NOT THE *ONLY ONE* TO KNOW THE *TRUTH* ABOUT GLS ANY *MORE...*

LIFE IS *TOUGH,* BUDDY!

... AND ALL WE CAN *DO* IS TELL YOU THE *TRUTH!*

WE HAVE *NOTHING* TO HIDE!

ARISIA, LET ME TAKE YOU OUT OF HERE!

N-NO, KAT! I'M ALL RIGHT!

ARISIA! YOU ARE NOT!

YES I *AM!* I JUST NEED SOME *AIR!*

I'M *SORRY!*

WAIT! I WILL COME *WITH* YOU!

NO!

WHY THE SUDDEN *DEPARTURE*, GREEN LANTERNS?

GUILTY *CONSCIENCE?*

LISTEN! I'VE HAD *ENOUGH* OF THIS!

WHEN *I* TOOK ON THIS JOB, I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET *STATIC* FOR BEING *BLACK*-- AND IT *NEVER HAPPENED!*

THE WORLD HAS *GROWN* TO THE POINT WHERE SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE RAISED EYEBROWS EVEN *TEN YEARS AGO* IS FINALLY A *NON-ISSUE*--

--AND THAT'S THE WAY WE SHOULD *ALL* LOOK AT THESE *HEROES!*

ARE YOU ACCUSING THE PRESS OF *PREJUDICE?*

I'M TALKING TO *YOU*, TAWNY-- AND IF THE *SHOE FITS*--

WHUMP!

EXPLOSION-- NEARBY--!

THE CONFERENCE IS *OVER*, FOLKS!

BUT PLEASE NOTE WE'RE NOT *RUNNING AWAY*--

--WE'RE GOING TO SEE IF WE CAN *HELP!*

YOU *KNOW* 'IM, JOHN?

I *LEARNED* ABOUT HIM, FROM *HAL'S RING!*

HE'S *BLACK HAND*-- AND HE'S *ROBBING THAT BANK!*

BANK

WELL, "*NEITHER A BORROWER NOR A LENDER BE,*" GREEN LANTERNS!

I'LL BEAM WHAT I KNOW INTO ALL YOUR *MINDS*--!

BLACK HAND IS THE BLACK SHEEP OF HIS FAMILY! HE HAS A ROD WHICH ABSORBS GREEN MAGICK FOR HIS OWN USE--

--AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY FOR THE SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PROBLEMS IN CRIME!

HE BASES HIS ESCAPADES ON CLICHÉS!

MY ROD'S ALMOST *EMPTY* OF THE ENERGY I STOLE *PREVIOUSLY*, LANTERNS-- AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY *SAY*--

--"SPARE THE *ROD* AND SPOIL THE *CHILD*.'"

SO LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I BLAST YOU WITH A MILLION BITS OF *SAND*.'

"A NEW *BROOM* SWEEPS *CLEAN*," YOU KNOW!

LOOK AT THEM PUSH THAT *SAND* BACK-- WITH *EACH SPECK* SOAKING UP THE PRECIOUS *GREEN LIGHT*--

--AND *ME* SOAKING IT UP FROM THE *SAND*.'

HA HA HA! EVERYTHING YOU DO TO *STOP ME* JUST MAKES ME *STRONGER*!

NOW I'LL RIP OPEN THE *STREET*-- AND TAKE YOUR POWER AS YOU PUT IT *BACK TOGETHER*!

BANK

KRAA KK

"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE!"

KRABOOM

"CHEESE 'N' CRACKERS, GOT ALL MUDDY!" I WASN'T JUST WHISTLING DIXIE!

I'M USED TO TAKING ONE GREEN LANTERN'S ENERGY --BUT FIVE--!

--NOW, THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

I WANTED A *RECHARGED ROD*, AND I'VE GOT *THAT* IN *SPADES!* I DON'T PUSH THE *RIVER*, AND I DON'T PUSH MY *LUCK!*

BUT THIS CHANGE TO A GREEN LANTERN *GROUP* CHANGES *EVERYTHING!*

DR. POLARIS *HATED* THE IDEA OF MULTIPLE LANTERNS, AND "*A FOOL AND HIS HEAD WERE SOON PARTED!*"

ME, I SAY "*THE MORE THE MERRIER!*"

GOD, I *HATE* THESE CROWDS!

GUY GARDNER, ON THE PLANET MALTUS--

I'M THE *ONE TRUE GREEN LANTERN!* I SHOULD BE *FLYING FREE--*

PARDON ME, CITIZEN!

LIKE HELL!!

PLOW!

I'VE *HAD IT* WITH THIS PLACE! HAD IT UP TO MY *EYEBALLS!*

THAT LITTLE *WISEGUY, APPA,* SPENDS ALL HIS TIME GIVIN' *ORDERS TO THE WORLD!* HE'S GOT NO *TIME* TO "*TRAIN*" ME THE WAY HE *SAID* HE WOULD--

--WHICH IS *GOOD,* 'CAUSE I DON'T *WANNA* BE TRAINED TO BE A *WIMP!*

BUT SINCE HE HAS TO *IGNORE ME* MOSTA THE TIME, HE WON'T NOTICE *ME GONE* RIGHT *AWAY*-- SO AS SOON AS IT GETS *DARK,* I'M *OUTTA* HERE!

MIGHT WE HAVE A *MOMENT* OF YOUR *TIME,* GUY GARDNER?

K'RYSSMA! APROS!

I'D *FORGOTTEN* ABOUT *YOU!*

AS APPA ALI APSA'S *HONOR GUARDS,* WE HAVE ALLOWED THE *NEW RECRUIT* TO HANDLE WHATEVER DUTIES AROSE FOR A *GREEN LANTERN!*

AND ARE YOU *SATISFIED?*

WITH YOUR *WORK,* YES! BUT WITH YOUR PLAN TO STEAL AWAY FROM APPA--*NO!*

SO YA *KNOW* ABOUT THAT, HUH?

YOUR FACE IS *NOT* SO DIFFICULT TO *DECIPHER,* EARTHMAN!

WELL, A FAT LOTTA *GOOD* IT'S GONNA DO YOU!

YOU WANNA FIGHT?!!

YOU WANNA FIGHT?!!

OOFHH!

PUK!

YOU ARE NOT DESERTING YOUR POST, GARDNER!

I'M TELLIN' YOU NOW-- GUY GARDNER'S A FREE MAN!

LISTEN, WITCH, I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE TELLIN' ME WHAT TA DO!

AN' MOST ESPECIALLY--

--A FREE GREEN LANTERN!

BLAM

WHA--?

WHA-- WHADDAYA DOIN'A ME--

--YA PUM'--

--KIN--?

APROS DID NOT BECOME ONE OF THE *THREE MOST EXALTED GREEN LANTERNS IN THE UNIVERSE* BY *LOSING* BATTLES WITH *RENEGADES!*

G'OUTTA MY MIND--

AND NEITHER DID *I!*

G'---

OUT

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OUT

THERE IS NO NEED TO MENTION THIS... *MISUNDERSTANDING* TO APPA-- *AGREE* APROS?

THE MAN IS *SCUM*, BUT HE IS *OUR* SCUM!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH...

A *LOT* OF TEST PILOTS LIKE TO FLY ON THEIR *OWN* AFTER WORK, BUT NO ONE *ELSE* CAN DO *THIS!*

I SURE LIKE HAVING *TWO* LIVES--!

EACH ONE IS *FRESH* WHEN I *TURN* TO IT--

HUH! LOOK AT THE MEDIA *CAMPING OUT* AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR *GREEN ROAD!*

THEY'RE NOT LETTING GO OF US, *ARE* THEY?

TV

WELL, THAT'S *AMERICA*--BUT WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING *ABOUT IT* IF WE WANT PEOPLE TO COME SEE US WITHOUT BEING SPLASHED ALL OVER THE *TUBE!*

LIFE'S ALWAYS *MORE COMPLICATED* THAN I *EXPECT* IT TO BE!

HI, KAT!

HELLO, HAL! YOU MISSED AN *ADVENTURE* TODAY!

THE *PRESS CONFERENCE?* YOU *KNOW* I WAS *BUSY!*

NO--*AFTER* THE CONFER-ENCE! WE MET AN OLD *ENEMY* OF YOURS--*BLACK HAND!*

UH, OH! HE WAS ALWAYS *TROUBLE*, WITH HIS ABILITY TO STEAL OUR *GREEN LIGHT!*

AND NOW HE CAN STEAL IT FROM *ALL* OF US! HE SET OFF A *MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE!*

HE'S A *GREAT* BAD GUY, HAL! I NEVER HAD *ANYBODY* LIKE THAT ON *BOLOVAX VII!*

BUT HE *GOT AWAY* WHILE WE WERE PUTTING L.A. BACK TOGETHER, WITH *MORE* OF OUR *POWER* THAN I WANT TO *THINK* ABOUT!

THAT WAS *HIS?* I *FELT* IT, BUT MY RING DETERMINED IT WAS NEAR *YOU*, SO I DECIDED NOT TO COME *HELP!*

IT'S *NICE* KNOWING I DON'T HAVE TO SNEAK AWAY FROM BEING HAL JORDAN WHENEVER DISASTER STRIKES!

AND *ARISIA'S* STILL *MISSING!*

MISSING? HOW?

SHE HAD ANOTHER OF HER *ATTACKS*, AND *LEFT*!

BUT SHE *IS* A GREEN LANTERN, AND KILOWOG'S PROVED *OVER AND OVER* THAT SHE'S *HEALTHY*!

DO YOU HAVE ANY *IDEAS*? HE'S *YOUR FOE*, YOU KNOW!

OUR PROBLEM'S *BLACK HAND*!

AS IT HAPPENS, I *DO* HAVE A FEW CLUES UP MY SLEEVE!

IF NOBODY *MINDS*, I'LL CHECK THEM OUT BY *MYSELF*, AND LET YOU KNOW IF I *FIND* ANYTHING!

BUT HE'S *ALL* OUR FOE NOW! WE SHOULD FACE HIM IN *FORCE*, AS THE *CORPS*!

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID WE WERE ALL *INDIVIDUALS*, JOHN!

HMMM! YOU WERE *LISTENING*, HUH?

LISTEN, WE FOUGHT *POLARIS' ARMY* AND *TYRAND'S ARMY* AS AN *ARMY*, BUT WE DON'T NEED *SEVEN GLs* TO BEAT *ONE BLACK HAND*!

BESIDES, THE MORE OF US THERE *ARE*, THE MORE POWER WE RISK *GIVING HIM*!

AND *FINALLY*, YOU ALL ALREADY *HAVE* A JOB!

WHAT'S *THAT*, PRAY TELL?

DEALING WITH THE *MEDIA*-- SPECIFICALLY, NOW, THE ONES BLOCKING OUR *DRIVEWAY*!

AND *THAT* MAY TURN OUT TO BE TOUGHER THAN *MY* JOB!

I'LL BE IN *TOUCH*!

BLACK HAND--! IT'S CRAZY, I KNOW, BUT I KIND OF LIKE FACING HIS MENACE AGAIN!

I MEAN, I LIKE HAVING THE CORPS HERE ON EARTH-- I REALLY DO--

--BUT THIS ONE-ON-ONE SITUATION IS LIKE--A LINK WITH THE GOOD OLD DAYS!

CHANGES ARE NICE-- BUT SO IS CONTINUITY!

WILLIAM HAND'S FAMILY LIVES IN COASTVILLE! THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN ASHAMED OF HIM, SO MAYBE THEY'LL TALK--

UNH! A SHADOW-- SOMEONE DIVING ON ME--

ARISIA!

HAL--! YOU DON'T MIND IF I JOIN YOU, DO YOU?

NO, BUT THE OTHERS SAID YOU HAD AN ATTACK--!

IT'S TRUE-- I DID! THE LATEST OF MANY! THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO TALK WITH YOU!

I WAS FLYING BACK TO THE CITADEL, BUT WHEN I SAW YOU, I--I--

ARISIA, HONEY, OF COURSE YOU CAN TALK TO ME!

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME, HAL, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT!

I'VE DENIED IT TO EVERYONE, BUT IT'S GETTING WORSE AND WORSE!

MY RING CAN'T PIN IT DOWN! KILOWOG'S CAN'T! BUT YOU'RE THE GREATEST GL IN THE COSMOS!

I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE TO TURN TO!

THERE IS SOMETHING... CHANGED ABOUT HER! CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT--!

HONEY, JUST ANSWER ME *ONE QUESTION*-- ARE YOU JUST TELLING ME THIS TO GET *CLOSE* TO ME?

NO, HAL! YOU HAVE *EVERY RIGHT* TO *THINK THAT*, THE WAY I'VE *ACTED*-- BUT *NO*!

ALL RIGHT! THEN IF *RINGS* CAN'T GIVE US AN ANSWER-- TELL ME, WHEN DID YOUR ATTACKS *BEGIN*?

RIGHT AFTER I CAME TO YOUR *PLANET*!

IT *CAN'T* BE A REACTION TO *CONDITIONS* HERE-- THAT WOULD SHOW UP ON THE *TESTS*!

YOU NEVER EXPERIENCED ATTACKS *BEFORE*?

NEVER!

I'M A *GREEN LANTERN*, HAL--AND A *GOOD ONE*! I'M NOT *USED* TO BEING AT A *LOSS*--

THAT *SHADOW*..

SPLAT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY "PIE IN THE SKY" APPROACH, LANTERNS?

WHO'S THAT?

BLACK HAND -- THE MAN I WAS TRYING TO FIND FOR THE CORPS!

"BUILD A BETTER MOUSETRAP, AND THE LANTERNS WILL BEAT A PATH TO YOUR DOOR," HAND'!

HUH?

"EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE," OLD FOE!

PUU NNG

SNAP

SPP

THEY CALL ME THE "CLICHÉ CROOK," BUT FOLK WISDOM IS TRIED AND TRUE! BESIDES--

--YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO "CLAM UP" NOW, WOULD YOU?

OH, I SEE WHAT YOUR MOTIF IS!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE "ANIMAL CRACKERS," HAND, YOU MAY END UP "CHICKENING OUT"!

"BUT WHICH CAME FIRST-- THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?"

EVEN ON GRAXOS IV, WE SAY "DON'T PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET!"

YOU DO?

THEN WE'LL JUST ADD *MILK*...

-- TO SCRAMBLED EGGS!

"YOU CAN'T MAKE AN *OMELET* WITHOUT BREAKING--" WELL, *YOU* KNOW!

THIS'LL MAKE A DELICIOUS *SNACK* AFTER WE *CATCH HIM*, GREEN LANTERN!

SHE *IS* A GOOD GL! VERY QUICK ON THE *UPTAKE*!

DANGER! KEEP OUT!

WHAT'S THE *MATTER*, HAND-- EGGS TOO "*RUNNY*"?

NOT AT *ALL*, LANTERN! BUT I'M A "*GOOD EGG*," AND "*NOT ALL THE KING'S HORSES AND ALL THE KING'S MEN*" CAN PUT ME BACK TOGETHER IF I'M "*NOT ALL I'M CRACKED UP TO BE*"!

THAT MAY MAKE SENSE TO *YOU TWO*, BUT IT SOUNDS PRETTY *SILLY* TO *ME*!

MEANWHILE, ANY *IRON WALLS* YOUR ROD CAN *PUT UP*, MY RING CAN *TAKE DOWN*!

YOUR *RING*--?

WAIT, ARISIA! YOU'VE NEVER TANGLED WITH BLACK HAND BEFORE!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HE CAN *DO* WITH THE LIGHT YOU POUR INTO THOSE SLABS!

WHAT--?

I DIDN'T *THINK* SHE DID, LANTERN--NOT AFTER THAT CRACK ABOUT *EGGS* ON HER ALIEN HOMEWORLD OF *GRAXOS IV*!

"*CRACK*"--"*EGGS*"! *GET* IT?

WELL, YOU'RE GONNA GET IT!

HIS *POWER*-- IT'S JUST LIKE *OURS*!

CORRECTION, GOLDILOCKS--IT *IS* YOURS! OR IT *WAS*!

BUT IT'S *ALL MINE NOW*!

AND COMBINED WITH WHAT I STOLE FROM YOUR *FIVE FRIENDS*, IT'S ENOUGH TO OVERPOWER YOU *TWO COMPLETELY*!

OH *YES*! AND ONCE I HAVE YOU IN MY *POWER*..

--I TAKE THE *REST* OF YOUR EMERALD ENERGY-- *DRAINING* YOUR RINGS..

NO! NO!

"WATCH THAT FIRST STEP! IT'S A LULU!"

-- AND LEAVING YOU *HELPLESS* BEFORE ME!

THAT WAS MY PLAN *ALL ALONG*, AND IT'S WORKED LIKE THE PROVERBIAL *CHARM*!

SO ALL THAT'S *LEFT* IS DISPOSING OF THE *EVIDENCE*!

BLACK HAND VERSUS KILOWOG-- THE TOUGHEST GL OF 'EM ALL!!

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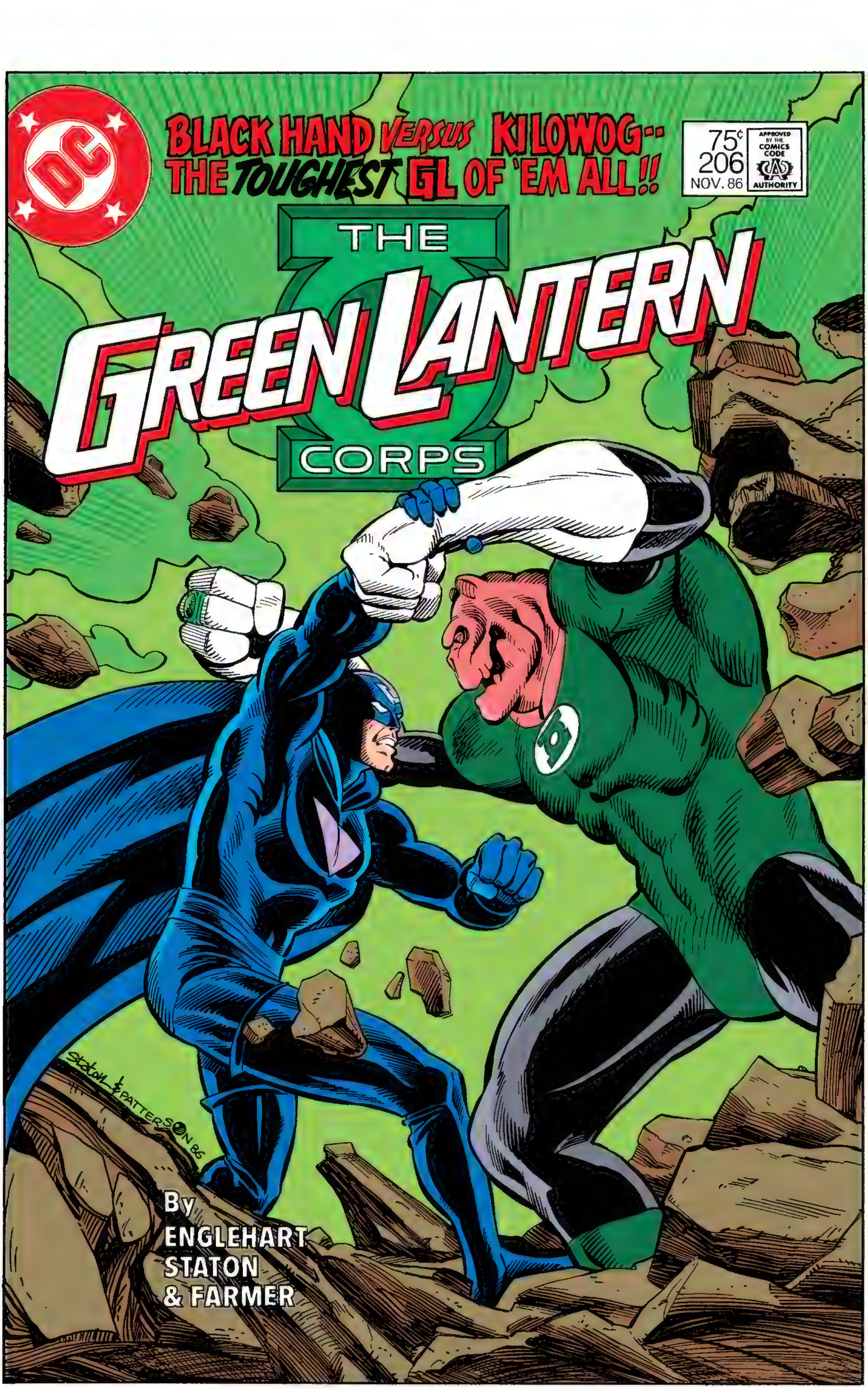

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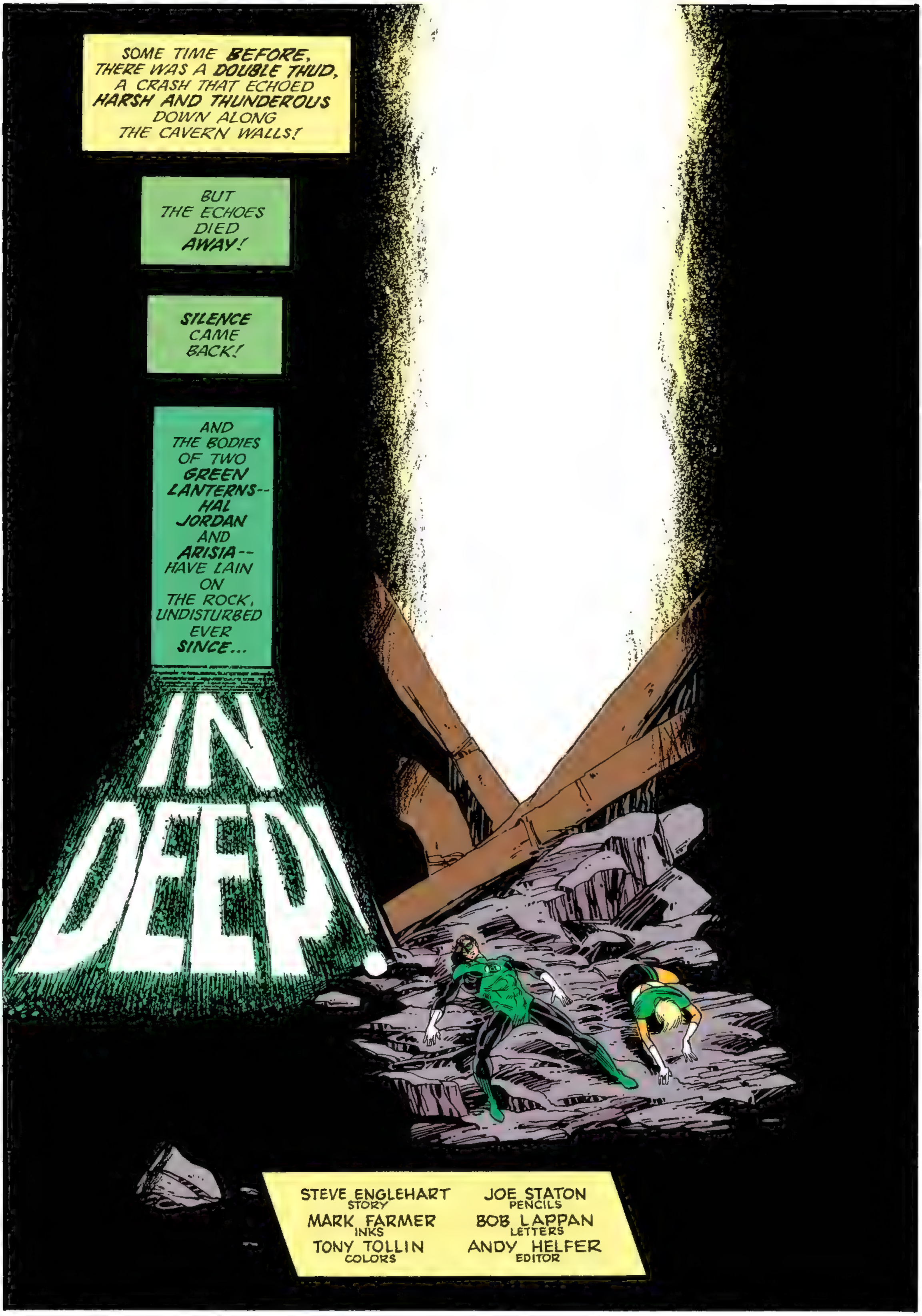
SOME TIME BEFORE, THERE WAS A DOUBLE THUD, A CRASH THAT ECHOED HARSH AND THUNDEROUS DOWN ALONG THE CAVERN WALLS!
BUT THE ECHOES DIED AWAY!
SILENCE CAME BACK!
AND THE BODIES OF TWO GREEN LANTERNS-- HAL JORDAN AND ARISIA-- HAVE LAIN ON THE ROCK, UNDISTURBED EVER SINCE...
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UNNNNHHHHH

OOOOOOOHHH

HAL--
ARE YOU--

--ALL RIGHT--?

ARISIA--?

HONEY--?

I'M *ALIVE*--
AND
SO ARE *YOU*!

THAT'S
WHAT *COUNTS*!

THE LAST
I *REMEMBER*--
WE WERE FIGHTING
BLACK HAND--!

HE USED
HIS *POWER ROD*--
THE THING THAT
STEALS THE
GREEN LIGHT--
TO STEAL
OURS!

DRAINED OUR
RINGS--!

THAT'S RIGHT! THEN HE THREW US DOWN THIS *MINE SHAFT*, AND WE HAD NO WAY TO STOP THE *FALL*!

BUT OUR RINGS STILL *PROTECTED* US! BLACK HAND STOLE THE LIGHT WE DRAW FROM OUR *POWER BATTERIES* EACH 24 EARTH-HOURS -- THE LIGHT GIVEN *US* TO USE --

--BUT THERE'S LIGHT BUILT INTO EACH RING THAT CAN'T BE REMOVED BY *ANYONE* --!

BUT *STAYING ALIVE* DOESN'T MEAN STAYING *BRUISE-FREE*, I'M SORRY--

YEP -- THE *FINAL SAFEGUARD* THE GUARDIANS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THEIR CORPS FROM *SUDDEN DEATH*!

WHEN ALL ELSE *FAILS*, THE RING USES THE *RESERVE* LIGHT ON ITS *OWN* TO PROTECT ITS BEARER!

:- OW! -:

--TO SAY!

AND WE'RE *STILL POWERLESS*! WE'RE *THREE BRIX UNDERGROUND*, UNABLE TO *ESCAPE* -- AND NO ONE KNOWS WHERE WE *ARE*!

DOES YOUR PLANET HAVE ANY FACTOR I DON'T *KNOW ABOUT* THAT CAN HELP --

ARISIA!

HUH? WHAT?

YOU'RE ALMOST AS TALL AS *I* AM!

YOU'RE --

--A *WOMAN*!

BUT--

B--

EEEEEEEEE

STOP IT!

YOU'RE A *GREEN LANTERN*, ARISIA! GET *HOLD* OF YOURSELF!

SLAK

I *THOUGHT* THERE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING *HAND*--

--BUT IN *MID-AIR* THERE WAS NOTHING TO *MEASURE YOU AGAINST!*

DON'T YOU *SEE* IT, HONEY--?

--THIS IS WHY YOU'VE HAD *DIZZY SPELLS!* KILOWOG'S MACHINES PRONOUNCED YOU *HEALTHY* BECAUSE YOU *ARE* HEALTHY-- A HEALTHY, *GROWING GIRL!*

AND YOUR SCREAM WHEN WHITEOUT PUT PART OF YOUR *BODY* IN *ANOTHER DIMENSION*-- YOUR SCREAM JUST *NOW*--!

DEEP DOWN, UNCONSCIOUSLY, YOU *KNEW* YOUR BODY WAS CHANGING--

--BUT YOU COULDN'T STAND TO *THINK* ABOUT IT!

COULD *YOU*--?

HA HA HA HA HA! THAT'S *KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!*

SINCE THE DAY I *BEGAN* MY CRIMINAL CAREER, I'VE FAILED TO DESTROY *GREEN LANTERN*--BECAUSE THERE WAS ONLY *ONE* OF HIM!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF HIS POWER I *SUCKED UP*, HE ALWAYS HAD *MORE!*

BUT NOW THAT THERE ARE *SEVEN* OF THEM, I CAN *EASILY* GET ENOUGH TO BEAT HIM, OR *ANY* OF THEM, EVEN IN *SMALL GROUPS!*

AND THE MORE I *CONFRONT THEM*, THE *STRONGER I GET!* "THERE'S STRENGTH IN *UNITY*," ALL RIGHT--*MY* STRENGTH, IN *THEIR UNITY!*

OH, HAND, YOU *DEVIL*--YOU'RE THE *WINNING* HAND *THIS* TIME!

AND THOUGH *FOOLS RUSH IN* WHERE *ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD*--

--*HE WHO HESITATES IS LOST!*

SO "*OKAY, EXCESS*--*HERE I COME!*"

THERE--!

EXCELLENT, JOHN! AS HAL *POINTED OUT*, PEOPLE WON'T CLIMB OUR *GREEN FOREST ROAD* TO ASK FOR OUR HELP IF THE CAMERAS HERE BROADCAST THEIR IMAGE ALL OVER YOUR *WORLD!*

BUT WITH THE JUDICIOUS USE OF YOUR *EMERALD LIGHT*--

--ALL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OPERATED BY *OTHERS* NEAR THE ROAD WILL *FAIL*--!

YEAH! I HATE TO *DO IT*, KAT-- I STILL REMEMBER HOW THE MEDIA *SAVED THE COUNTRY* FOR US DURING *WATERGATE*--BUT EVERYTHING'S *RELATIVE*!

YOU TAUGHT ME THAT!

HOW DOES *WATER* WORK AS A *GATE*?

WILL YOU *NEVER* UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF *LOCAL REFERENCES*, CH'P?

BUT THE MEDIA HAVE *GONE BAD*, JOHN?

WELL... THEY'RE JUST *PUSHY*! THAT'S *GOOD* IF THEY'RE TRYING TO UNCOVER SOMETHING YOU *DON'T LIKE* --AND *BAD* IF THEY'RE AFTER *YOU*!

TAWNY YOUNG HAS LOST ALL *OBJECTIVITY*, THOUGH! I BELIEVE HER INCESSANT ATTACKS ON US "*ALIENS*" STEM FROM *UNREQUITED LOVE* FOR *JOHN*!

--*AND* A DESIRE FOR *PERSONAL PROMINENCE*! SHE *HAS* MADE YOU FOUR-- *FIVE*, WITH *ARISIA*-- A *MAJOR STORY* FOR HERSELF!

BUT *TV STORIES* BURN OUT *FAST*! WE WON'T BE HOT NEWS FOR *LONG*!

MEANWHILE, *I* WANT TO GET *OUTSIDE*-- SEE SOME *TREES*!

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN *HAL* WILL BE BACK FROM FOLLOWING HIS CLUES TO *BLACK HAND*, OR WHEN *ARISIA* WILL SHOW UP AGAIN!

ULP!

HELLO, BEAVER!

IT'S *CH'P*--

--OR *GREEN LANTERN*!

HELLO--!

JOHN--

--IS YOUR GROUP OF *ALIENS* RESPONSIBLE FOR THE *ELECTRONIC JAMMING* AROUND HERE?

NO, TAWNY-- JUST *ME*, THE TOKEN *EARTHMAN*-- ALL BY MY *LONESOME*!

WE NEED A *LITTLE* PRIVACY, YOU KNOW!

THERE *IS* NO PRIVACY FOR *PUBLIC FIG*--

EXCUSE ME!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE *WELCOME* HERE!

I DON'T CARE *WHAT* YOU THINK! GET OUT OF MY *WAY*!

GET OUTTA *OURS!*

SLAM!

HOLY--!

MUGGLE AND TUGGLE!

OH NO!

NICELY **DONE!**

YOU--YOU TRIED TO *KILL ME!*

NAH! I'M A *GENETIC SCIENTIST*-- I GOT A *GOOD* IDEA HOW MUCH *HUMAN BODIES* CAN STAND!

BUT I TRIED BEIN' *NICE* TO YA, AN' THAT DIDN'T GETCHER *ATTENTION*--!

I'M REALLY A PRETTY SIMPLE *GUY*...

PLEASE, *GOD*, TELL ME YOU GOT THAT ON *TAPE*, RICO!

SORRY, TAWNY-- NOTHING'S *WORKING!*

YOU'LL *REGRET* THIS -- *ALL* OF YOU!

GOODBYE, MISS YOUNG -- WE WERE JUST ON OUR WAY *OUT* WHEN YOU *ARRIVED!*

KILOWOG, THAT WAS VERY *WRONG* OF YOU...

...BUT WITH ALL I HAVE LEARNED OF *VISCERAL THRILLS* SINCE I CAME TO EARTH, I *LOVED IT!*

HOORAY!

YOU SAY "HOORAY," SALAKK?

MOMENTARY ABERRATION--!

HAHAHA

ARISIA...

WHAT?

HONEY, I HAVE A *THEORY* ABOUT THIS--!

SO DO *I*, HAL--!

AS WE *BOTH* KNOW, I'VE BEEN *IN LOVE* WITH YOU SINCE THE DAY WE *MET*--!

WELL...YOU HAD A *CRUSH*--!

NO! *LOVE!*

AND I'VE GOT A *RING* THAT RESPONDS TO MY *WILL-POWER!*

IT WAS *SUBCONSCIOUS*, OF COURSE--I DIDN'T *ORDER* MY RING TO MAKE ME GROW UP!

IF I *HAD*, I WOULDN'T HAVE *SUFFERED* THE WAY I DID!

BUT THE *DESIRE* WAS THERE, AND I'VE TOLD YOU *OFTEN ENOUGH*, MY WILL IS *STRONG*! IT DID WHAT I *WANTED* WITHOUT MY *KNOWING*--!

THAT'S WHAT *I* FIGURED, TOO!

AND IF THAT'S *TRUE*, IT'S *SIMPLE ENOUGH* TO *RETURN* YOU TO YOUR *NATURAL STATE*-- ONCE WE GET *OUT* OF HERE AND GET OUR *RINGS RECHARGED!*

BUT I'M NOT *GOING* TO CHANGE BACK--!

ARISIA...!

I DIDN'T ORDER THE CHANGE *CONSCIOUSLY*, BUT IT *IS* WHAT I WANTED--

--AND NOW THAT I *UNDERSTAND* WHAT HAPPENED, I *STILL* WANT IT!

NOW *COME ON*, ARISIA--

PLEASE DON'T *PATRONIZE ME*, HAL! I KNOW YOU *MEAN WELL*, BUT I'M NOT *HALF YOUR AGE* ANYMORE!

MY *MIND* MATURED JUST LIKE MY BODY! AND AS A WOMAN *OR* A GIRL, I *AM* A *GREEN LANTERN!* I WAS JUDGED WORTHY OF *GUARDING A SECTOR* BY THE SAME GUARDIANS WHO CHOSE *YOU!*

SURE, OKAY-- YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU *WANT!* I DON'T ARGUE YOUR *WORTH*, ARISIA!

AND I *BELIEVE* YOUR *MIND* MATURED! COMING TO ME AND ADMITTING YOUR *PROBLEM* PROVES *THAT!*

BUT THIS... *LOVE* FOR ME! I REALLY DON'T... *RECIPROCATE!*

OKAY!

I KNOW *BETTER* THAN TO *THROW MYSELF* AT YOU AGAIN!

BUT I'M *STILL* GONNA BE *AROUND*, HAL! AND I KNOW YOU *LIKED* ME AS A *GIRL*!

WE CAN *SEE* WHAT YOU THINK OF ME AS A *WOMAN*!

BUT *LISTEN*, HON -- ARISIA! RIGHT *NOW* I'M REALLY NOT *INTERESTED* IN BEING INTERESTED IN *ANYBODY*!

I'VE JUST GOTTEN *OVER* LOSING THE WOMAN I LOVED ALL MY *ADULT LIFE*, AND I WOULDN'T RESPOND TO YOU IF YOU WERE THE *QUEEN OF SHEBA*!

THERE'S NOTHING *PERSONAL*--!

OH, *YES* THERE IS.

YOU WOULDN'T BOTHER TO *TELL ME THAT* IF YOU DIDN'T *CARE*--

--*AND* IF THE THOUGHT WEREN'T *ON YOUR MIND*--!

OH, IT *CAN'T* BE--!

YES, IT'S *ME*, *BLACK HAND*-- BACK AGAIN LIKE A *BAD PENNY*!

BECAUSE THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS* KEPT ME FROM TAKING A *PRETTY PENNY* LAST TIME!

MANAGER

PRIVATE

BUT YOU CAN'T ROB THE *SAME BANK TWICE*--!

SHURIKEN!

"*SURE I CAN*"! *GET* IT?

FDIC

WELL, I WON'T WASTE ANY MORE OF MY POWER ON *YOU* PEOPLE-- "*WASTE* NOT, *WANT* NOT!"--

--SINCE YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT BY *TRIGGERING YOUR ALARMS* WHICH WILL BRING--

BANK

--THE *REAL* TREASURE!

BLACK HAND!

TRY TO FIGHT HIM *INDIRECTLY!* DON'T LET HIM STEAL ANY MORE OF OUR MAGICK THAN YOU CAN *HELP!*

GOOD PLAN, STEWART! BUT *IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT!*

I DRAW POWER FROM *ANYTHING* YOUR POWER *TOUCHES!*

AND THEN IT'S *MINE-ALL-MINE!*

OH, MY SAINTED AUNT!

BAM

JHON

Bloosh

HE HAS *FAR* MORE LIGHT THAN *LAST TIME!*

YOU *BET* I DO, ALIEN! BEGAUSE I'VE GOT ALL THE POWER YOUR TWO *COMPATRIOTS* USED TO HAVE!

WHAT--?

HAL AND ARISIA--?

SURPRISED YOU, DIDN'T I? SURPRISED YOU *ENOUGH* TO START SUCKING THE POWER FROM *YOUR RINGS* AS *WELL!*

GET OUT OF HERE!

BUT *JOHN--!*

YOU *HEARD ME!*

MOVE!!

HA HA HA HA! THIS IS LIKE *"HOUNDS AND HARES"--*

--BUT WHO'S *HOUND* AND WHO'S *HARE NOW?*

AH, WELL-- THEY'LL FIGHT LIKE *CORNERED RATS* IF I PRESS THEM *TOO* CLOSELY-- AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAT *FIVE OF THEM* JUST *YET!*

BUT I'M GETTING *CLOSE!* YESSIREE-- *VERY CLOSE!*

JOHN! MY RING'S GIVING OUT!

I'VE GOT YOU, KAT!

HE'S STOPPED CHASING US! I'D KNOW IT IF WE STILL HAD A HUNTER ON OUR TAILS!

THAT WAS ENTIRELY IGNOMINIOUS!

WE WERE FORTUNATE THAT TAWNY YOUNG WAS NOT HERE!

I AGREE, I AGREE-- BUT IF WE'D STAYED, BLACK HAND WOULD HAVE DRAINED US COMPLETELY!

RING-- TELL ME WHERE HAL AND ARISIA ARE!

SORRY, RING-WIELDER, BUT THEIR RINGS ARE OUT OF COMMISSION RIGHT NOW!

THEN IT'S TRUE--!

BLACK HAND HAS BEATEN THEM-- AND WE KNOW NOT WHERE--!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT-- SINCE HAND THREW US DOWN HERE?

I'M SURE OUR FRIENDS WILL FIND US-- ONCE THEY REALIZE WE'RE MISSING--

--BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD LOOK THROUGH THE TUNNELS! MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OUT!

NO-- WITHOUT LIGHT, WE'D GET LOST, OR FALL DOWN ANOTHER SHAFT! AND WHEN THE CORPS DOES COME IT'LL BE BECAUSE HAND TOLD THEM WHERE WE ARE, SO THEY'LL LOOK FOR US HERE!

SUN'S GOING DOWN...

HAL -- TELL ME ABOUT *CAROL FERRIS!*

THERE'S NOTHING TO *TELL!*

NO -- JUST THAT YOU LOVED HER *ALL YOUR ADULT LIFE* AND THEN NOT ONLY *LOST HER*, BUT SAW HER TURN INTO AN *EVIL, SCHEMING ENEMY TO THE CORPS!*

STANDARD STUFF --!

HAHAHA

NO, BUT WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?

THE CAROL I KNEW -- *BEFORE* SHE BECAME *STAR SAPPHIRE* --?

SHE WAS *SWEET* -- BUT *STRONG!* A WOMAN I KNEW I COULD *COUNT ON!*

I *LAUGH* -- I *AM* OVER HER NOW -- BUT IT WAS THE *BIGGEST DISASTER* I'VE EVER *FACED!*

BIGGER THAN THE *CRISIS...!*

AND WERE THERE ANY *OTHER* WOMEN ALONG THE WAY --?

WELL... THERE WAS *IONA VANE*, FROM 38 CENTURIES IN THE *FUTURE*, BUT I ONLY VISITED HER ERA A *FEW TIMES*...

...*EVE DOREMUS*, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO *SETTLE DOWN*...

...*KARI LIMBO* -- *GUY GARDNER'S* LADY UNTIL SHE THOUGHT HE'D *DIED!* SHE WENT *BACK* TO GUY AFTER I RESCUED HIM FROM *QWARD*, TO *NURSE* HIM!

DORINE... BUT THAT WAS JUST *LONELINESS...!*

SO-- YOU KNOW *LONELINESS*...

WHAT ABOUT *YOUR* BOYFRIENDS? WHO WERE *THEY*?

THERE *WEREN'T* ANY!

NONE?

I USED TO BE *YOUNG*, YOU KNOW! AND BOYS NEVER--

MOVE AWAY *SLOWLY*...

WHAT *IS* IT?

MOUNTAIN LION-- !

THEN THERE *MUST BE* ANOTHER *ENTRANCE!*

YOU MEAN-- THIS IS A *MENACE?*

ON *GRAXOS IV* THE CATS WHO LOOK LIKE *THAT* JUST WANT THEIR *TUMMIES RUBBED!*

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT *LATER*, OKAY?

HELL *YES*, THIS IS A MENACE!

WHAM

THIS IS *EARTH!*

RRRR

RRRR

EARTH'S NO BED OF ROSES!

GRRAHH

HEEAA, MOUNTAIN LION!

IF I CAN SNAP MY CAPE IN HIS EYES-- MAYBE *BLIND* HIM...

SNAP

URHKK

FRIM! MISSED!

NOT USED TO MOVING IN THIS *BIGGER BODY!*

HONEY!

I DON'T *NEED* A BED OF ROSES!

RGGHH

HONEY, YOU *SAVED MY LIFE!*

DON'T CALL ME *"HONEY,"* HAL--

RRUGHHGHH

--NOT UNLESS YOU *MEAN IT...*

OAKLAND A's VS. CALIFORNIA ANGELS

SO-- HOW MANY ANGELS *CAN* DANCE ON THE HEAD OF A PIN--?

WELL, WELL -- LOOK WHO'S COME TO *SAVE YOU*, FANS --

--THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS!*

COME ON DOWN, CORPS! YOU KNOW I'M *ALWAYS* GLAD TO *SEE YOU!*

OKAY, KILOWOG--HE'S *ALL YOURS!*

THIS HAD BETTER WORK!

SURE IT'LL WORK, YA BIG POOP!

GOOD LUCK, GREEN LANTERN.

I'M MORE POWERFUL THAN A *LOCOMOTIVE*, BUT I WANT *MORE, MORE, MORE!*

AND ONCE I GET IT FROM *YOU*, THE *WORLD* WILL BE *MINE!* NOTHING WILL *STOP ME!*

THE OTHERS SAY THEY'RE *SORRY*, POOZER -- BUT I'M THE *ONLY ONE* ACCEPTIN' YER *KIND INVITATION!*

JUST SO LONG AS YOU'VE *RECHARGED YOUR RING*, SKULLFACE!

BLAM

KRASH

ONE OF THE *ALIENS!*

THE *PINK MONSTER!*

I'M BEGINNIN' TA FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY *MEAN* WHEN THEY SAY YA TALK IN *CLICHÉS*, POOZER! I'VE HEARD *THAT* ONE *BEFORE!*

BY THE WAY, I *DID* RECHARGE MUH RING--

--BUT I AIN'T A-GONNA *USE IT!*

WHAT--?

THERE'S NO LAW SAYS I *GOTTA* USE IT, IS THERE?

BLOK

IF I HADN'T *SLOWED* HIM, HE'D'VE TAKEN MY *BLOCK* OFF!

YOU'LL *HAVE TO* USE IT, MONSTER, UNLESS YOU HAVE *BATS* IN YOUR BELFRY!

WE DIDN'T HAVE *NOTHIN'* LIKE THIS ON *BOLOYAX VIK!*

WAK!

BAH! NO GREEN LANTERN CAN LET THIS MANY PEOPLE TOPPLE TO THEIR DEATHS!

LET'S SEE YOU OR ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS STOP THIS WITHOUT YOUR POWER!

OAKLAND A's VS CALIFORNIA ANGELS

OKAY!

THE POWER'S POURING OUT OF MY ROD, BUT NO MATTER HOW HEAVY I MAKE THE WEIGHT, HE COUNTERBALANCES IT!

I CAN'T CREATE MORE WEIGHTS! I'LL RUN DRY!

THUMP

THUMP

THIS AIN'T HARD FOR THE MIGHTY KILOWOG!

THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

I KNOW THE SOLUTION TO ANY CRIME EVER COMMITTED-- BUT NOBODY'S EVER DONE THIS BEFORE!

WHAT DO I DO?

ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE A LANTERN--

-- SO BURN!

"THE BURNT CHILD FEARS THE FIRE!"

THAT'S A GOOD ONE!

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD!

THE HEAT--!

THAT MIGHT BOTHER COMPLICATED FOLKS, BUT KILOWOG AIN'T NOWAYS COMPLICATED!

NO! NO! THIS ISN'T FAIR!

I HAD POWER! I HAD IT ALL WRAPPED UP!

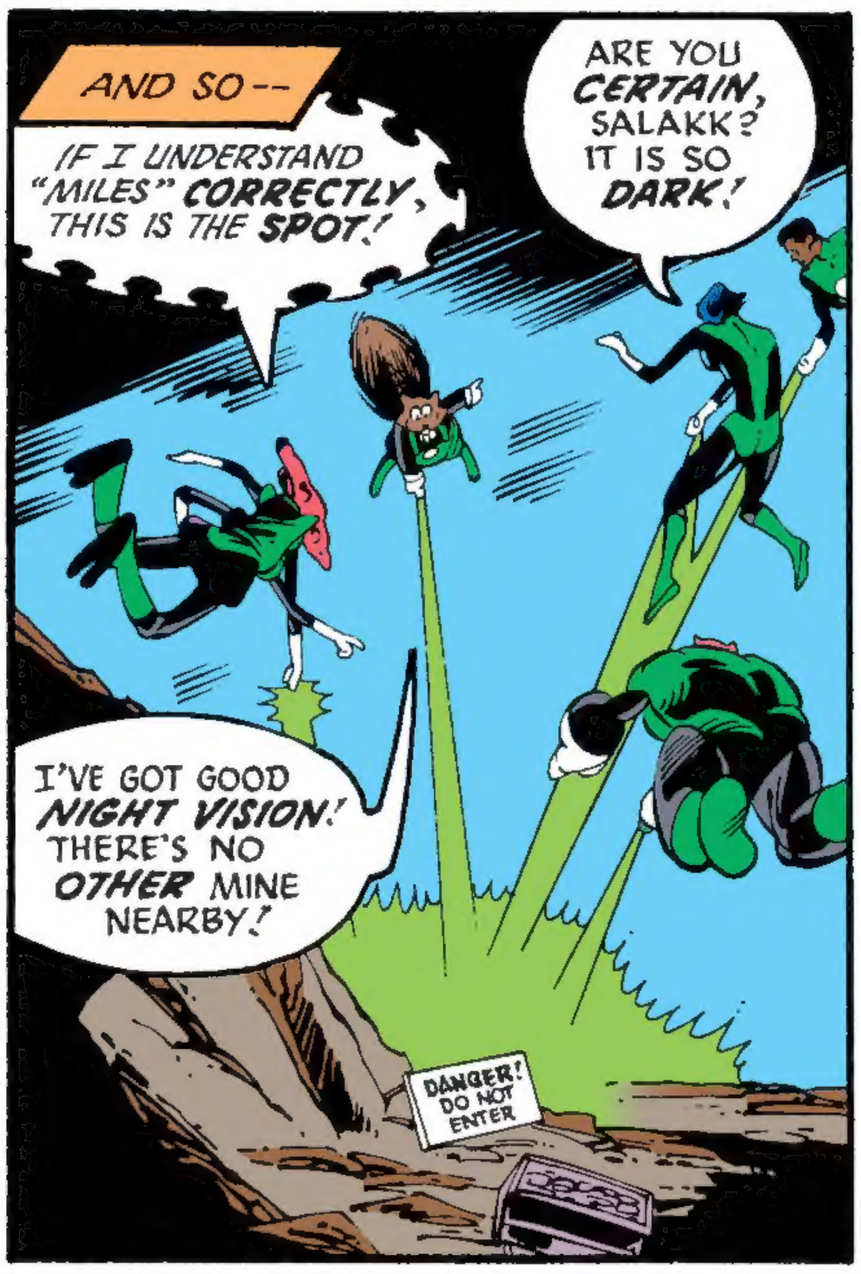
WELL, HAND-- IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER...!

HMMM...

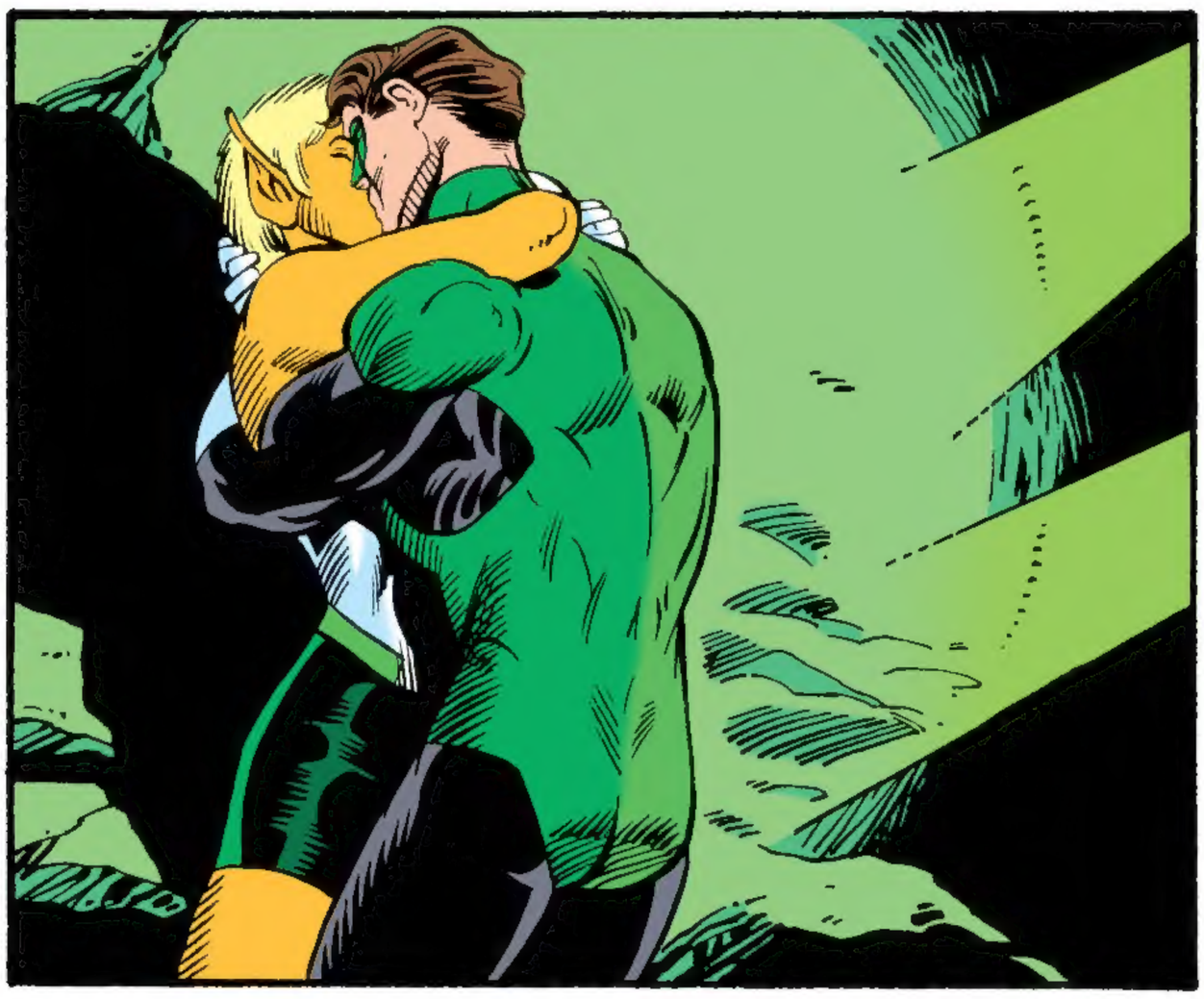
THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA...

AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT IDEA WILL SHAKE THE WORLD IN THE MONTHS TO COME--BUT RIGHT NOW--

--THE CORPS IS ON HAND!
OKAY, BLACKIE, TELL US WHERE OUR TWO COLLEAGUES ARE, OR--!
HEY, I DON'T NEED A HOUSE TO FALL ON ME-- NOT NOW I DON'T!
THEY'RE IN A MINE SHAFT THREE MILES SOUTH OF COASTVILLE!


AND SO--
IF I UNDERSTAND "MILES" CORRECTLY, THIS IS THE SPOT!
ARE YOU CERTAIN, SALAKK? IT IS SO DARK!
I'VE GOT GOOD NIGHT VISION! THERE'S NO OTHER MINE NEARBY!
DANGER! DO NOT ENTER

THEN LET'S FIND THEM!



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